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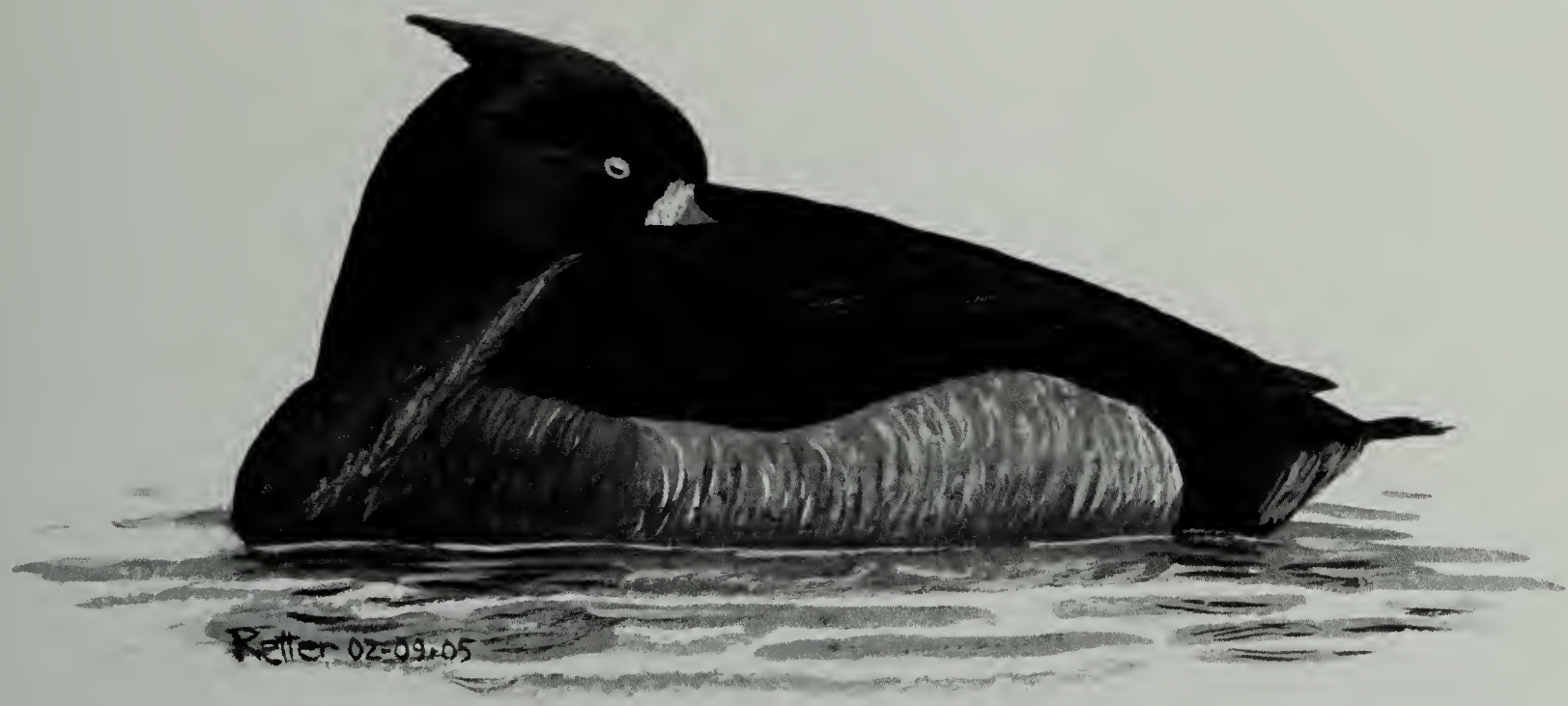

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President's Message

Dear Members:

One of the issues that puzzles us is why many of the local bird club members do not also belong to IOS. Roughly 30 percent of the membership of the CAS, COS and DuPage Birding Club are IOS members. A substantial percentage of Illinois' American Birding Association members are not IOS members, and the same thing goes for IBET. The question is why not?

I have heard it said that our name, Illinois Ornithological Society, is the problem and that we should adopt a more friendly name like the Illinois Birding Club. It is interesting that COS, one of the state's more successful clubs, is going through this same debate after 93 years as the Chicago Ornithological Society.

Some think IOS is just for expert birders. We do have experts as members, but many of us are also less than expert. One of the great things about being a member and attending our Annual Meeting or going on an IOS field trip is the chance to meet and learn from the experts. In my experience these experts are uniformly approachable and more than willing to help a novice birder.

An IOS offering, Lister's Corner, (see our Web site at www.illinoisbirds.org <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/>) shows that of those with totals under 300, approximately one-fourth are not members. Quite a number of these listers can thank IOS for their lifer Smith's Longspur and Yellow Rail.

We're expanding our offerings to provide the leadership and support for programs that enhance birding. We want to focus our field trip program on specialty birds like Smith's Longspur and Yellow Rail, and on educational events like the Gull Frolic.

At the request of the organizers, IOS assumed the organizational responsibility this year for Jim Landing and Dave Johnson's highly successful annual Gull Frolic at Winthrop Harbor. As in previous years more than 100 birders had a wonderful time enjoying winter gulls with our experts pointing out the finer points of aging and identification.

Our thanks go to Dennis Bohm and Dave Johnson for a great event.

Later this year we will be offering another program patterned after the Gull Frolic, a Shorebird Weekend featuring a program on shorebird identification followed by field trips with the experts.

Future years' programs may focus on raptors, warblers or other confusing difficult-to-identify families. Empids anyone?

This year's Annual Meeting is in Rockford the weekend of June 3-5. Bob Montgomery and Dan Williams have a wonderful program planned. Check the program and field trips on our Web site, www.illinoisbirds.org, and sign up online. See you there.

Good birding.

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Letter from the Editor

A goshawk in my backyard

Every once in a while a great bird appears in your yard. My latest great yard bird is an immature male Northern Goshawk. He's been here for several months and as I write this, he's hopping on the ground and jumping up onto a log pile and then onto a telephone wire, turning his head, watching, listening, waiting for the kill. House Sparrows meanwhile are chattering their two-syllable alarm calls. Earlier he sat in a silver maple and at least four American Goldfinches perched in various branches above him, surrounding him, it seemed, in a circle.

Today, I also heard a male Northern Cardinal singing as snow flurries gently fell on his back, and the Red-winged Blackbirds are returning, sampling sunflowers from my feeder. The birds in my backyard in late February reflect an interesting avian season, the one poised between winter and spring.

This is bird watching! Not listing, but bird watching, and I get to do it right in my own backyard. What happens when you watch birds, as opposed to count them? You learn about their behaviors and you feel as if you are part of their world for just a bit. Plus you learn more about their plumage characteristics. The goshawk has four tail bands, visible when perched, as opposed to three on a Cooper's Hawk. The bands may be slightly to very wavy. My goshawk has wavy bands on the underside and just very slightly wavy bands on the outside. He also has the characteristic fluffy white undertail coverts, much fluffier than what you'd see on a Cooper's Hawk.

The squirrels seem much warier of him than they do of the adult Cooper's Hawk that has also been visiting my yard, allowing for great comparisons.

Dave Johnson showed me my first goshawk several years ago. It was perched far away on private land in Lake County so we didn't get a great look at it. I added it to my life list and now realize it truly wasn't a lifer because I couldn't identify it myself. So, now I can safely say that Northern Goshawk is on my ABA list, Illinois list, Lake County list and backyard list.

Oops, I've turned back into a lister. So it goes in the world of birding. We can be listers, watchers, behavior specialists, citizen scientists and identification gurus. That's what's so great about this hobby. See you in the field.

Sheryl DeVore

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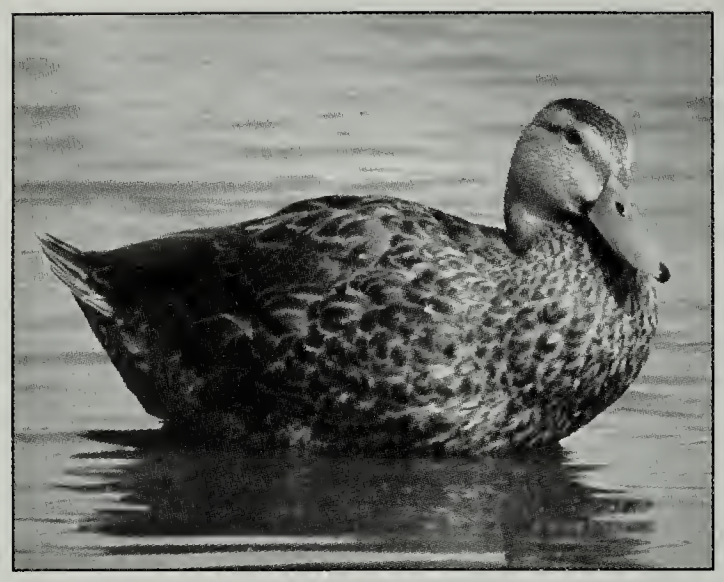

The Springfield Mottled Duck constitutes the first Illinois documented record with photographs, pending the Illinois Ornithological Record Committee's vote.

Mottled Duck. Lake Springfield, Sangamon County. 21 May 2004. Photos by H. David Bohlen

Mottled Duck at Lake Springfield: first state record

by H. David Bohlen

Although I occasionally see tardy American Black Ducks in spring in Sangamon County, I always check them closely to make sure they are not hybrids with Mallards. While making my rounds 21 May 2004, I spotted a dozing "black duck type" at the Lake Springfield Beach. Several drake Mallards were present but not near the sleeping duck.

The "black duck" perked up as I approached allowing me to immediately see a black gape and yellow bill. I backed away slowly and went for my scope and digital camera. I approached the duck, which was again asleep, and I could only get so close because it was on the other side of a chain-link fence.

I took several photographs of the duck which finally awoke and lifted its head so that I could note a yellow bill with a greenish tinge around the edges and nostrils and a black nail; a fairly extensive black gape; head and neck delineated from a darker body; an unstreaked, buffy-ochre colored throat; a well-defined supercilium caused by a dark streak from the upper edge of the bill which narrowed and ended well behind the eye; a light brown crown, the color which extended down the nape; brown eye; dark brown body with each feather broadly edged in buff; darker back; mottled (not white) tail; bluish speculum with black edges and a thin white trailing edge, (later in certain light the speculum would appear aqua); orange tarsi; and white underwings when the duck flapped its wings.

As I checked Sibley's field guide, these characteristics added up to a Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*). After Beckie Dyer put my photographs on the computer I was sure it was a Mottled Duck. And when I looked at Websites with both Mottled and American Black Ducks, my bird definitely looked like a Mottled. Bob Montgomery e-mailed me after the photos were posted on the Illinois State Museum's Website. He said they looked good, but that I should consult a monograph by Stutzenbaker (1988) on the Mottled Duck. In the monograph, the frontispiece shows a male in which the bill was not as yellow as the Springfield duck, but was otherwise very similar. The book also eliminated a possible Mallard hybrid based on the fact that the Springfield duck did not have curled upper tail feathers, or white on the leading edge of the speculum or grayish undertail coverts (Stutzenbaker 1988).

The origin is another matter since waterfowl fanciers keep every kind of waterfowl. This duck had no bands or clipped wings. It appeared very tired and kept away from the Mallards at first. Mallards are the only puddle ducks present at this time of year and the males loaf on the beach or near the boat launches. The Mottled Duck, being a male by bill color (females have

black on an orange bill), naturally fell in with these Mallards and it appeared fairly tame, but cautious most of the time, allowing people to approach only so close.

I saw the Mottled Duck 18-21 May and again 29-30 May, and 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 June. Sometimes, I could not find it. On 19 and 20 June I saw it at the north end of Lake Springfield, but it eventually returned to the Beach House area. Many other observers saw the Mottled Duck during its stay.

An inland population of Mottled Duck extends to central Kansas and northeastern Texas (see AOU, 1998). Stutzenbaker (1988) notes records from band recoveries of adult females from Sac County, Iowa, 11 October 1970 and Wisconsin in 1974 (presumably in fall), as well as specimens from Oklahoma and Kansas. Apparently there are records from Arkansas and North Dakota as well. The fact that Cinnamon Teal are seen every year in Illinois constitutes practically the same event except the male teal is much more obvious, migrates farther north and might have a larger (?) population.

Kevin Richmond reported two Mottled Ducks in the Illinois River Valley in the summer of 2003. The Springfield Mottled Duck constitutes the first Illinois documented record with photographs, pending the Illinois Ornithological Record Committee's vote. This record might be just the beginning of many more in Illinois.

Postscript: The Mottled Duck spent July, August, September and most of October in the same locations but I lost track of it after 24 October 2004. I relocated the duck several miles to the north at a sewage pond during the Springfield Christmas Bird Count week, 21 December 2004, and photographed it.

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Tufted Duck, center, with two scaup. Buffalo sewage pond, Sangamon County. 17 March 2004. Photo by H. David Bohlen.

Tufted Duck in Sangamon County: fourth state record

by H. David Bohlen

On 4 February 1973 I had the pleasure of viewing an adult male Tufted Duck, (*Aythya fuligula*) that Charlie Clark had picked out of a large flock of Greater Scaup at Chicago Harbor. This was the first to appear in Illinois; the record was 3 December 1972 to 10 April 1973. The second duck was in the same place, again found by Charlie Clark 23 - 27 December 1973; and Charlie found the third record, an immature male, at Lake Calumet, 17 March 1974, (Bohlen, 1989). A hypothetical record also exists for two males and two females for Jackson Park, 20 February 1980 (Mlodinow, 1984).

On 30 March 1985 at the Buffalo sewage pond, Sangamon County, Illinois I saw an Aythya duck that I thought could be a tuftless Tufted Duck female. After much study and observation I arrived at the conclusion it was a Greater Scaup. In fact, Indiana's records for Tufted Duck (both tuftless) turned out to be probable aberrant scaup, and had to be deleted from the state list, (see Brock 1990). Obviously "tuftless" Tufted Ducks are difficult birds to identify. Other records of Tufted Ducks from the Midwest include 19 records from Ontario, three from Michigan, one from Ohio, one from Kansas, four from Nebraska, and one from Kentucky (from Mid-Continent Rare Bird Records, Bob Domagalski).

After the March 1974 Illinois record, none was recorded in the state until I was checking ducks along Lincoln Gardens at Lake Springfield, Sangamon County 15 March 2004. There was an influx of ducks that day. I spotted a duck with no white on the face, which was about an estimated 50 yards out on the lake. What drew my attention most was an obvious tuft!

I had started to scan the bird with my scope when a Bonaparte's Gull flew at the duck startling it into flight. The duck flew across the lake and landed on the other side. I noted a Greater Scaup-like white wing stripe and whitish belly in flight. I quickly ran back to my truck and drove around to the other side of the lake. After a short search I found the bird asleep (the tuft was obvious) with a small flock of scaup about a quarter of a mile out on the lake. It awoke a couple of times and I had fairly good scope views and took several not very hopeful photos. I saw the dark head, contrasting brownish, somewhat rufous sides, and dark back. Suddenly the bird got up and flew toward the islands and out of sight. I noted the whitish underwings and again the white stripe on the wings when the bird flew.

I searched for another two hours without finding the bird. Several observers were present that evening, but it was windy and visibility was not good. A search of Lake Springfield 16 March failed to produce the duck.

On 17 March I drove east of Springfield and was checking for waterfowl on several ponds. At the Buffalo sewage ponds one mile southwest of Buffalo I observed the female Tufted Duck again. This pond is about 11 miles northeast of Lake Springfield as the duck flies. Lots of waterfowl feed at the ponds during the day and come back to Lake Springfield to roost. I was able to get several photographs, one of which was probably 25 to 30 yards away from me.

I also took additional notes: A brownish-orange eye (I knew already that it was light-colored); whitish undertail coverts; and gray bill with black margin along the front edge. I also noted that the tuft was at times more noticeable than others depending on whether the duck was diving (less obvious).

The duck stayed on this pond from 17-20 March and was seen by many observers. Two other observers, (C. McDonald and P. Weber), noted that there were no bands on the legs and the wings did not appear clipped, which helps to eliminate ducks as escapees.

This March 2004 Lake Springfield Tufted Duck appears to be a typical adult female with no white in the face. As far as I could tell there were no traits that would indicate this bird was a hybrid. This bird, which has been accepted by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee, represents the fourth state record for Illinois.

On Sunday, 21 March after a cold night and west wind the, Tufted Duck could not be found.

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Photo Gallery

Photos taken by Jerry Kumery at the Magic Hedge, Cook County, 23 May 2004.

Canada Warbler

Bay-breasted Warbler

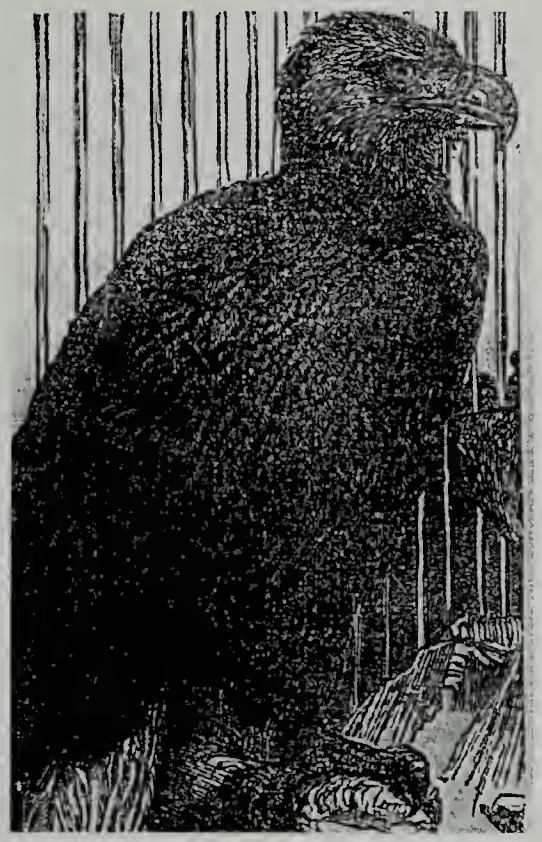
Blackpoll Warbler

Substantiating Audubon's Washington Eagle

by Scott Maruna

Most Americans know that statesman Benjamin Franklin lobbied for the Wild Turkey to serve as the national ornithological representative, but few know of the species that the great naturalist John James Audubon would have promoted had he had a voice in the matter. His preference can be gleaned from the following excerpt from his early writings, in his *Ornithological Biographies*:

> ...it is indisputably the noblest bird of its genus that has yet been discovered in the United States, I trust I shall be allowed to honour it with the name of one yet nobler, who was the saviour of his country, and whose name will ever be dear, to it. To those who may be curious to know my reasons, I can only say, that, as the new world gave me birth and liberty, the great man who ensured its independence is next to my heart. He had a nobility of mind, and a generosity of soul, such as are seldom possessed. He was brave, so is the Eagle; like it, too, he was the terror of his foes; and his fame, extending from pole to pole, resembles the majestic soarings of the mightiest of the feathered tribe. If America has reason to be proud of her Washington, so has she to be proud of her great eagle (Aud. 1999 220).



The immature Washington Eagle as depicted in T. Bilby's "Young Folks Illustrated Book of Birds" published in 1887.

Audubon had studied, resided with, and painted both Bald and Golden Eagles, but this "mightiest of the feathered tribe" and "great eagle" that he lauded was neither of these. Though North America was once home to no fewer than seven species of eagles, the emergence of humans onto the continent and the demise of the great mega-fauna that once dominated the New World landscape whittled the number of native species to two long before Columbus arrived (Domazlicky 1992). That is, unless one considers the historic writings of the early 19th century; it is here that archivists find Audubon's (and others') detailed descriptions of a possible third American eagle species surviving into the modern era: the "great eagle"—the Bird of Washington.

For many decades, this bird was academically referred to by several consubstantial names: Washington's eagle, Washington's sea-eagle, Washington eagle and the great sea-eagle. Audubon's most frequently used moniker, though, was simply the "Bird of Washington." For simplicity in pluralizing, the bird will hereafter be referred to as the Washington eagle.

This eagle became an instant favorite of Audubon's, eliciting an almost poetic expression of his feelings after sightings of the species:

> It was in the month of February... that I obtained the first sight of this noble bird, and never shall I forget the delight which it gave me. Not even HERSCHEL, when he discovered the planet which bears his name, could have experienced more rapturous feelings (Aud. 1999 217).

Later, upon finally acquiring a specimen, Audubon described himself as being filled "with a pride which they alone can feel, who, like me, have devoted themselves from their earliest childhood to such pursuits, and who have derived from them their first pleasures."

Acceptance of the Washington eagle (*Falco washingtonii Aud. 1831*) as the ninth and largest of the worldwide species of sea-eagles persisted throughout Audubon's lifetime and for several years thereafter. Eventually, though, a tide of personal controversies caused many skeptics to question the scientific integrity of his work.

When Audubon illustrated mockingbirds for his *Birds of America*, he depicted them defending a nest against an arboreal rattlesnake attack. His enemies and detractors—of whom there were surprisingly many—used this to discredit him, noting that rattlesnakes cannot climb trees. Future observations, though, justified Audubon's artistic license and showed that rattlesnakes can indeed climb trees, though they rarely do (A.I.R.M.). Likewise, until his death Audubon was accused by botanists of having fabricated the existence of the "yellow water-lily," which he included in his Birds of American under the name of *Nymphaea lutea*. It was only decades later, in 1876, that his defiant refusal to retract his description was justified by the "discovery" of the long-lost flower in the Florida Everglades (Blavatsky 1888).

Surrounded by so much contention in his lifetime, it is not surprising that the skeptical scientific community of the late 19th century, bolstered by the initial debunking of the Washington eagle in 1870, relegated this already exceedingly rare bird to the realm of inveracity (Allen 4:524-27).

Today, it is universally believed that the few Washington eagles that Audubon saw and expounded upon were not members of a previously unidentified species of eagle, but were rather a common bird known long to naturalists: the northern bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus alascanus*) in its immature state of development. Critics explain that Audubon was unacquainted with the geographic, developmental, and sexual-dimorphic variations in the Bald Eagle's size and the multiple plumages of its juvenile development (Durant et al 1988). While it is true that the immature stages of the Bald Eagle are generally brown, it would be hasty to unquestioningly conjoin the two birds without a thorough discrimination of their traits. And it would be unjust to such a noble bird, if it were to have existed, to brush it aside with so little ado.

To prove the Washington eagles were not immature Bald Eagles, it is necessary to show that the former's distribution, morphology and ethology lay outside the accepted range for the latter, especially those of its juvenile stages.

If indeed the Washington eagles were simply immature northern Bald Eagles, they should have been seen and noted quite frequently in Audubon's winter travels along the Mississippi, Ohio, and Missouri rivers. His river journals are actually replete with sightings of "brown eagles," but Audubon's writings demonstrate he was aware of Alexander Wilson's theory of the "brown" and bald eagles being the same species (Audubon 1929), and even noted for the uninformed reader that the term "brown eagle" is used "meaning the White-headed eagle (*Falco leucocephalus*) in its immature state" (Audubon 1999). The sole time within his 1820-21 journal that he references the then unnamed Washington eagle, the addendum "i.e. S. Eagles" [sea eagles] was added to the label of "brown eagles" to enable a differentiation. Here he noted that the "S. Eagles" he had seen previously—the Washington eagles—were "at least 1/4 longer" than the bald and brown eagles he was encountering on the lower Ohio River (Audubon 1929).

Unlike the abundant bald/brown eagles, Audubon had only five sightings of the Washington eagle in his lifetime. In chronological order, these were on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers near the cities of Grand Tower IL, Evansville IN, Henderson KY, Clarksville IN, and Mound City IL. The five sightings encompassed ten birds (never more than two adults in any one area), yielded a close observation of a mated/nesting pair complete with two nestlings, and resulted in the acquisition of one spectacular specimen.

Geographically, the Washington eagle was described by ornithologist Dr. Thomas Nuttall as a rarely encountered, year-round resident of the northern Great Lakes and a winter visitor to southern Illinois/western Kentucky (Bilby 27).

Ironically, it was near his residence in Henderson, Kentucky that Audubon, who claimed to always carry a gun, finally managed to bring a Washington eagle down as it scavenged at a pig slaughter. Audubon tells in his writings how he, like a schoolboy who stumbled upon a treasure, quickly wrapped the bird up and ran with it to the home of Dr. Adam Rankin. Rankin, who was described as a life-long resident on the Ohio River and an experienced hunter, proclaimed that "he had never before seen or heard of it" (Audubon 1999). Together they undertook a meticulous study of the specimen and recorded the following qualitative description:

> Tarsus and toes uniformly scutellate in their whole length. Bill bluish-black, cere yellowish-brown, feet orange-yellow, claws bluish-black. Upper part of the head, hind neck, back, scapulars, rump, tail-coverts, and posterior tibial feathers blackish-brown, glossed with a coppery tint; throat, fore neck, breast, and belly light brownish-yellow, each feather, with a central

Figure 1: Comparison of immature bald eagle* to adult Washington eagle.

Bald Eagle Development	First Year A	First Year B	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year	Bird of Washington
Feature	Juvenile	Subadult				
Beak and cere	Black, gray	Black, gray	Black, gray, some yellow	Gray and yellow	Dull Yellow	Bluish Black beak, yellow-brown cere
Head	Dark brown to black	Brown	Brown to light brown	Gray and light brown	Dirty white	Dark brown to black
Breast	Dark Brown	Brown	Usually mottled gray	Brown, some gray	Dark Brown	Light Brown to yellow
Underside of the wings	Dark Brown, black, gray	Dark Brown, mottled gray	Brown, much gray	Brown, some gray	Brown, some gray	Dark grayish brown
Tail	Black with gray vein	Black with gray vein	Gray with black vein	Gray with black	Dirty white	Dark brown with black vein

*Bald eagle plumages from Stalmaster, Mark. 1987. The Bald Eagle. New York: Universe Books. p. 19.

> blackish-brown streak; wing-coverts light greyish-brown, those next the body becoming darker; primary quills dark brown, deeper on their inner webs; secondaries lighter, and on their outer webs of nearly the same light tint as their coverts; tail uniform dark brown (Audubon 1831).

This delineation and Audubon's painting that corresponds to it expose two significant anatomical anomalies that differentiate the specimen from the Bald Eagle.

1) The Washington eagle's cere is conformed in a manner unlike any known variation in Bald Eagles.

2) The uniform scaling found on the Washington eagle's tarsus is unknown at any stage of Bald Eagle development (Mengel 1953).

Audubon described the Washington eagle as being not only staggeringly large, possessing a wingspan of 310 cm (10 feet, 2 inches), eclipsing any raptor native to North America and matching that of any known worldwide, but also being brown in its feather coating—uniformly and without blemish. There are two known brown eagles in America today: the Golden Eagle and the immature Bald Eagle. Therefore, some have hypothesized that some of the birds Audubon labeled as Washington eagles were actually oversized Golden Eagles. That speculation, though, is undermined by the fact that Audubon was quite familiar with the distinguishing extended leg feathers of the Golden Eagle, which clearly reveal it to be of a genus separate from that of the sea eagle (Audubon 1831). The Washington eagle's preference for, and skill at, fishing clearly places it amongst the genus of sea-eagles rather than with the Golden Eagles (Audubon. 1999).

It is worthy of note that in Audubon's descriptions of his five sightings, there is no mention of any deviation in the birds' appearance or size. Because he penned his *Ornithological Biographies* entry on the bird long after his last sighting, it must be assumed that the eight adult birds he observed were similar to the type-specimen he scrutinized.

Through their first four to five years of life, Bald Eagles undergo six distinct plumages. Two of these are poorly differentiated, are collectively known as the juvenile stages, and occur within the first year of life. Immediately following are four distinguishing molts in as many consecutive years, culminating in the well-known adult plumage (Gerrard, Harmata 1984).

The only Bald Eagle developmental stages that demonstrate any degree of superficial affinity to the Washington eagle are the juvenile plumages of the first twelve months of life (Figure 1). As American ornithology entered the 20th century, this similarity, coupled with an insistence that this stage of development can possess a wingspan "often a foot or more" greater in length than either of its parents, emboldened T. Gilbert Pearson to establish "misidentification" as the official Audubon Society stance on the Washington eagle (Pearson 1926).

Second-year Bald Eagle photo courtesy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

John James Audubon's drawing of the Washington Eagle is housed in the Smithsonian Institution.

Statistics have not supported Pearson's claims, though, as the differences between immature and mature Bald Eagles' wing spans average only two to five centimeters, depending on the bird's sex (Harmata, Imler). These differences in wing feather length are insufficient to account for the size differences measured and observed between the bald and Washington eagles.

Developmentally, two arguments must be presented against the idea that the Washington eagles were oversized first-year Bald Eagles:

1) All immature Bald Eagles have some degree of white mottling, definitively at the wing pits (Domazlicky 1992, Stalmaster 1987). Additionally, first-year bald eagles have contour feathers with white bases (McCollough 1989).

2) Audubon observed a breeding pair with nestlings. While it is known that fourth- and rarely third-year Bald Eagles—the appearances of which are quite different from the Washington eagle—are occasionally capable of reproduction, there is no recorded instance where both parents have been sub-adults (Stalmaster 1987).

The sheer size of Audubon's randomly collected specimen places the Washington eagle outside the realm of what is known of Bald Eagle's sizes at any stage of development. The most astonishing element of his specimen is that it was a male. With Bergmann's law of reverse sexual size dimorphism applying to eagles, the measurements of Audubon's specimen are quite likely smaller than the species' potential. Consider the following comparative measures (all Washington eagle measurements are from Audubon's *Ornithological Biographies*):

1) The Washington eagle, from beak to tail, measured 110 cm. The known range for northern Bald Eagles is 71-96 cm (Palmer et al 1988.).

2) The Washington eagle's wingspan of 310 cm surpasses the largest known bald eagle by 66 cm. The wingspan range for northern Bald Eagles is 200-244 cm (Stalmaster 1987).

3) The average length of an adult male northern Bald Eagle's hallux is 3.98 cm while the Washington eagle's measures 6.35 cm (Bartolotti 1984).

4) In northern Bald Eagles, the range of bill lengths is 4.17-6.06 cm, with a male juvenile mean of 5.04 in length and 3.22 in depth (Bartolotti 1984). The Washington eagle possessed a bill 8.26 cm in length and 4.45 cm in depth.

5) Immature northern Bald Eagles have wing chords ranging from 54.1-69.2 cm, with northern males averaging 60.1 cm (Bartolotti 1984, Freidmann, 1950). The Washington eagle's wing chord was 79 cm.

They nested not in trees, but rather in ground nests built on rocky cliffs adjacent to water (Bilby 1887). Surveys of 899 Bald Eagle nest structures east of the Mississippi River revealed an absence of ground nests (Stalmaster 184-5). Ground nests are used by Bald Eagles only in treeless areas, which doesn't describe the lush lower Ohio River valley in which Audubon observed the Washington eagle's nest (Buehler 15).

It was also noted by Audubon that the Washington eagle's flight was:

> ...very different from that of the White-headed Eagle. The former encircles a greater space, whilst sailing keeps nearer to the land and the surface of the water, and when about to dive for fish falls in a spiral manner, as if with the intention of checking any retreating movement which its prey might attempt, darting upon it only when a few yards distant. (Audubon 1999)

The Washington eagle also did not share the Bald Eagle's bullying and piratical behavior toward the Osprey (Bilby 1887).

Robert Mengel argued against the Washington eagle's existence because there is no fossil record of any other species of *Haliaeetus* in the United States. His error, though, was referencing only a search of Pleistocene tar pits in Rancho La Brea, a location some 3000 km from the Washington eagle's habitat.

Many authors even imply that Audubon was the sole observer of this species; the truth is, though, that he was not. Dr. [Lemuel] Hayward of Boston, Massachusetts acquired a live Washington eagle specimen and was said to have kept it for "a considerable time"; while in captivity, he described the bird as being "docile" (Bilby 1887). The bird was eventually poisoned and delivered to the Linnaeum Museum in London. Another preserved male, as long as and heavier than Audubon's 6.6 kg specimen, which Audubon later unsuccessfully attempted to buy, was displayed at Philadelphia's Brano Museum (Audubon 1999). The eventual purchaser of this bird was none other than Audubon's close friend, and the author of *Fauna Americana*, Dr. Richard Harlan, of the same city. The whereabouts of this specimen today are unknown, but it is very likely that upon his death the bird was given to the Peale's Museum of Philadelphia. This institution claimed to have such a specimen, but its collection of curiosities was lost when the museum was consumed by fire. Literature concurrent with Audubon's implies that multiple birds were known to have been kept and raised in captivity (Bilby 1887).

Finally, many current biographers have cited the Washington eagle as but one more proof of Audubon's self-aggrandizing and over-zealous temperament. An early writer reinforced this, but also defended him by reminding readers that he did have a weakness for being careless in statements of matters of fact and that this did lead to a pervasive attitude of distrust in even his correct writings (Burroughs 1902). What Audubon did prove in his lifetime though was that he was definitely not rafinesque.

While few men's names become adjectives, few men deserved it as

much as the brilliant but misunderstood 1818 houseguest of Audubon's, Constantine Samuel Rafinesque. In short, he was a naturalist who had come to America to fulfill his obsession: discovering new species. He was convinced that in America they were everywhere. This included one comical scene in which he destroyed Audubon's violin while using it as a weapon to procure a bat—he was convinced it was an unnamed species—that had flown in through an open window of the guest room. To poke fun at his mania, Audubon spitefully fabricated and sketched ten non-existent, fanciful fishes that Rafinesque, to Audubon's embarrassment, later published in Europe and attributed to him (Eisenbeis 1965). After having suffered such a scientific discomposure in the 1820s, it is doubtful that he would have risked a similar fate a second time by describing a new species within his specialty without being confident of its authenticity.

This conviction was reinforced in 1820 as he procured, studied, and painted a Bald Eagle specimen for four straight days, often forsaking sleep. Upon completion of this marathon and the completion of his painting of a juvenile Bald Eagle, he recorded in his journal that he was—as perhaps we today should also be—convinced that the Washington eagle was indeed a unique and separate species (Audubon 1929). This grand eagle appears to have been lost to time, but deserves, at the very least, the status of a hypothetical species: *Haliaeetus washingtonii*.

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Birding Rockford in early June:
a primer for the IOS annual meeting

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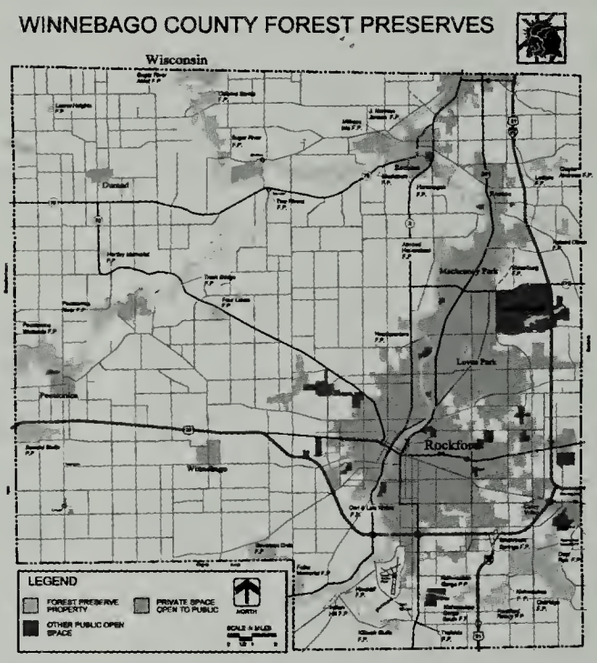
Editor's Note: *The annual IOS meeting for 2005 will take place in Rockford, Illinois June 3-5, the perfect time to bird Boone, Winnebago and Ogle Counties, all of which have preserved many fine parcels of high-quality habitat containing many uncommon Illinois bird species. Field trip leaders will visit some of the best spots in these counties during the meeting. Here's a primer on birding this terrific northern Illinois hotspot. To register for the meeting, visit our Web site at www.illinoisbirds.org, look for a future mailing or email Rmontey@aol.com.*



Winnebago County, of which Rockford is the county seat, is dominated by its four rivers. The four feature different habitats, and, therefore, a nice variety of breeding birds. (*See Figure 1*)

The Rock River, largest of the four, has its headwaters at Horicon Marsh in Wisconsin and empties into the Mississippi River at the Quad Cities. It passes through Winnebago County, beginning at South Beloit, Wisconsin, and serves as the conduit into which the other three rivers drain.

The Sugar River begins in southwestern Wisconsin, entering Winnebago County in the northwest, and joins with the Pecatonica River (which also comes from southwest Wisconsin, but enters the county more directly from the west at the town of Pecatonica) at the town of Shirland. From there, the Pecatonica flows east-northeast, joining the Rock River at the town of Rockton. The junction of these two rivers contains some recently preserved properties that become more excellent for birding each year.

The Kishwaukee enters from the northeast, passing through the city of Belvidere and then southeastern Winnebago County, before joining the Rock River just south of the city of Rockford.

Winnebago County

Rock Cut State Park, with its expansive 3,100 acres, contains two man-made lakes, lots of upland hardwood forest, and many grassland and shrub areas. Target birds at this Illinois Department of Natural Resources property include breeding Henslow's Sparrows, which nest in the cool season grasses (that formerly were cut for hay), Sedge Wrens (in the same fields), Wood Thrush, Veery, both cuckoos, Dickcissel, Orchard Oriole, and Blue-winged, Cerulean, Kentucky, Hooded (rare) and Chestnut-sided Warblers. Also bre-eding here are Yellow-breasted Chat, Bell's Vireo (difficult to find some years), and Willow, Least (occasional), and Acadian Fly-catchers. Broad-winged an Cooper's Hawks nest in the park, and occasionally, Black-throated Green Warblers are singing in June. A Black-and-white Warbler was here on a recent July 1st, but no nest was found. For more information, call (815)885-3311 or visit www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/Landmgt/PARKS/R1/ROCKCUT.HTM.

Just north of Rock Cut is the Kieselburg Forest Preserve, part of the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District, which now has more than 12,000 acres in its ownership and continues to pursue a plan of acquiring all of the high-quality habitat along these river corridors, as well as preserving wetland and other diminishing habitats in the county. Call (815)877-6100 for more information or visit www.wcfpd.org/index.htm

Kieselburg holds one of the few sedge fens in the state. Sedge Wrens and Orchard Orioles nest here, and Bell's Vireos and Yellow-breasted Chats are frequently seen and heard in summer.

The Natural Land Institute, a private not-for-profit agency created by George Fell, one of the founders of The Nature Conservancy, has recently acquired over 700 acres of river bottom and wetland at the confluence of the Rock and Pecatonica Rivers, near Rockton, and is restoring the grassland and wetland habitat, including re-routing Raccoon Creek to its original course based on aerial photographs that predated its straightening. This area, the Carl and Myrna Nygren Wetland Preserve, provides habitat for many species of birds, including Sandhill Crane, Dickcissel, and Grasshopper and Savannah Sparrows.

The Sugar River Valley is biologically interesting, and the preserves along the upper section of this river are extensive. The Winne-

bago County Forest Preserve District has acquired extensive holdings of excellent habitat, running from the Wisconsin state line to Shirland.

The Hooded Warbler is a rare breeder at Rock Cut State Park. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

Below: The Red-shouldered Hawk breeds near the Sugar River Forest Preserve. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

Several major private land holders have not disrupted the forest and marshes on their property, and one has embarked on a program of wetland set-aside that will restore extensive habitat for non-game species, although it will be hunted in the fall. The Sugar River Alder Tract is one of the highlights of the area, featuring nesting Lark Sparrows on the sand prairie, along with Grasshopper, Vesper, and Savannah Sparrows, plus Sandhill Cranes back in the wetlands near the river. After sundown, it features the displays of American Woodcock, plus the songs of Whip-poor-will and Barred Owl. The pines here once attracted one of the two records of Chuck-will's-widow in the county. (The IOS Annual Meeting in June will feature a Friday night trip here.)

Just downstream, Sugar River Forest Preserve is best known for its nesting Yellow-throated Warblers, which have bred here for nearly 20 years. Cerulean Warbler, a species of special concern, can easily be found in the forest at the yoke of the loop road. Barred Owls are often heard, and sometimes seen, during the day, and fly-by or calling Pileated Woodpeckers are a real possibility. Other species of interest include Acadian Flycatcher, Kentucky and Mourning Warblers, Prothonotary Warbler, Ovenbird, and an occasional Summer Tanager. Red-shouldered Hawks nest on private property across the river.

Pecatonica Forest Preserve, on the Pecatonica River, is the most reliable location for Prothonotary Warbler in the bottomland oxbow swamps. Plus you'll find other river bottom species, including Yellow-throated and Red-eyed Vireos, Pileated Woodpecker and Barred Owl. A trip here should yield Sandhill Crane, plus a view of Bald Eagle (a pair nests on private property near here, and are sometimes visible from the road). Pecatonica Wetlands Forest Preserve holds 1400 acres which have been recently acquired over the past six years. Wetlands are being restored with help from Ducks Unlimited, providing excellent new birding opportunities. The grassland and wetland restorations now feature both Sedge and Marsh Wrens, Sandhill Cranes, occasional Red-shouldered Hawks, Prothonotary Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush and, at this season, both Willow and Alder Flycatchers. A pair of Brown Creepers nested here in 1999. Western Meadowlarks can often be found in the western portion of the county in the Pecatonica area.

The preserves along the Kishwaukee River including Black-hawk Springs Forest Preserve are excellent for Sandhill Crane, as well as several locations for flycatchers, and warblers, including Yellow-throated, Chestnut-sided, Black-throated Green, and, rarely, Northern Parula. Trips to the Kishwaukee River might produce Osprey at this season, but no nests have been confirmed yet. The Espenscheid Forest Preserve holds White-eyed Vireo and Yellow-breasted Chats in early June.

Boone County

Garden Prairie Slough, near the town of Garden Prairie, in Boone County, is privately owned, and usually birding must be done from the road. (IOS hopes to have confirmed permission to enter for the Annual Meeting field trip.) This wetland has attracted its share of rarities in the past (Garganey and two records of Black-necked Stilt) as well as more commonly American and Least Bitterns, Virginia Rail, Sora, and Yellow-headed Blackbird. Sandhill Cranes also nest in the surrounding wetlands, and this is the most likely place to find lingering migrant shorebirds in June.

Ogle County

Lowden Miller State Forest really hit the birding map when Dr. Scott Robinson and his crew from the Illinois Natural History Survey did the first thorough field work on nesting birds in the forest. (See *Meadowlark* 4:16-18). Roughly 20 species of warblers have nested here including Black-throated Green, Prothonotary, Hooded, Blue-winged, Canada, Golden-winged, Chestnut-sided, Mourning, Kentucky and Yellow-throated. Wood Thrush and Veery nest here, too, plus Least and Acadian Flycatchers. Singing Blue-headed Vireo, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Brown Creeper and Winter Wren have also been recorded here during the breeding season. As this former tree farm continues to undergo habitat change, the bird life will change with it. For more information, call (815) 732-7329.

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The 2004 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count

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The Spring Bird Count, scheduled annually for the Saturday which falls on or between 4 and 10 May, was held 8 May 2004. The count, formalized through the Illinois Audubon Society in 1972, has run for 33 consecutive years. Several individuals have served as county compilers for the first count in 1972 and are still serving as compilers today. That's dedication. Through the years county compilers have also garnered newspaper accounts from their local papers and submitted them along with their reports. These articles have not only informed local folks about the dedicated efforts and accomplishments of count compilers and participants, but also helped them learn more about birds and birding, and, in several instances, attracted them as new count participants.

Count day 2004 was like 2003, a very pleasant and rewarding day for birding, perhaps a bit windy in some areas, but, nevertheless, a good day. (*I have a feeling, though, that some of you in the 2003 tornado alley in central Illinois may have a different opinion.*) Early morning temperatures for 2004 ranged from the low 50s in the north to the mid-to-upper 50s in the south and climbed to the low-to-mid 80s in the north and mid-to-upper 80s in the south, certainly one of the warmest ever Spring Bird Counts. The sky, for the most part, was clear or mostly clear throughout the day in all but the extreme northern portion of the state where it started off partly cloudy then did change to mostly clear. The wind ranged from negligible to gusts up to 30 mph; the majority of southern reports had south to southwest breezes less than 10 mph, middle counties had winds from the south to southwest in the 10-20 mph range and northern counties had winds from the southeast to the southwest in the 5-30 mph range then changing in the late afternoon to north and northeast (especially Lake and Cook counties).

An adult male Blue Grosbeak sets up territory on the Williamson/ Saline County line during the 2004 Spring Bird Count. Photo taken 8 May 2004 by Eric Walters.

Owling and nocturnal counting began precisely at midnight (0000) in three counties (Clinton, De Kalb and Franklin), had begun by 3 a.m. (0300) in ten more counties, and by 5 a.m. (0500) in another 52 counties. In all, 66 counties reported at least some (owling time normally referred to as owling hours prior to dawn. Owling time was also reported by 27 counties after dusk (from approximately 8:30 p.m. to midnight).

Spring Bird Count goals include having at least one team (preferably two or more) and five or more observers in all 102 counties, and receiving a confirmed list of 100 or more species from every county on count day. Based on that, we did reasonably well. As noted in times past, these goals are a challenge, but, achievable. In 2004 we did manage to have at least one team in 101 counties (99% success — in seven counties the team consisted of just a single observer), five or more observers in 70 counties (69% success) and 100 or more species in 80 counties (78% success — which ties the best we've ever done). However, on close scrutiny, you will note that the records of two counties have been included in these results that did not meet the minimum duration of count standard of eight or more daylight hours of counting. So, in reality, if we based the results on the minimum standards, the success rate of the first part of the first goal would be only 97%. [*Editorial comment: it's obviously important that all results submitted each year be included in these annual reports; however, it's also important that the minimum standards for doing the count should be met.*]

Results and Discussion

Highest County Counts. Since count day was only two days short of being as late in May as it could be, the northern counties were, once again, at an advantage and, as expected, achieved the highest totals. Cook County, which recorded the highest species total in 2003 (192), was nosed out by Lake County this year, 184 to 183 species, despite having 2(times as many observers. Du Page County was right there, too, with 181 species. Twenty more counties reported 150 or more species: Carroll (171), Winnebago (171), Knox (170), Clinton (168), Union (166), Massac (165), Champaign (164), Williamson (164), Fayette (163), McHenry (160), Will (160), Mason (159), Jo Daviess (158), Mercer (156), Brown (155), La

Salle (154), Kane (153), McLean (153), McDonough (152), and Vermilion (150). Some of these were record high county counts. Of the 23 counties with 150 or more species, 11 (48% — almost half) were in the northern quarter of the state, 9 (39%) were in the central half of the state; and only 3 (13%) were in the southern quarter of the state. In 2004 five more counties achieved the 150 species level than did so in 2003. For the record, another nine counties were in the 140 (149 species range and the highest species count ever for a single county remains at 205 set in 1983).

Table 1 provides annual comparisons; it compares the 2004 results with those of the two previous years and the record year. Although 2004 was a reasonably good year, and the weather was conducive for good birding, it was not a record-setting year for any of the listings in the table. The 2004 efforts did, however, tie the high for the greatest number of counties (80) reporting 100 or more species and came very close to the record for the two averages at the end of the table: the average number of species reported per county and the average number of species for all 102 counties combined. Although we fielded observers in all but one of the state's 102 counties, there was only a net gain of 12 observers over last year's 93 counties and a loss of more than 100 observers since 2002. This year's 261 species is 3 above the overall average for all 33 years, but nearly 3 below the average of the past ten years. Had some of the species reported this year not been disqualified for inadequate (usually, lack of) documentation, the 2004 species total would have been near the ten-year average. (The number of species on a few county lists was also reduced because of insufficient documentation.) As noted in the table, nearly 560,000 birds were counted; this was only 34,000 short of the record. Because the 2004 count day was such a beautiful day, birders spent more time on foot searching for birds than they did from their vehicles and, with the return to 100 or more participating counties, it's not surprising that there was a significant increase in the number of species reported in 90 or more counties Of the 16 categories listed in Table 1, 12 (75%) were higher than in 2003 and one tied the 2003 number. The three that were lower than the 2003 numbers were: total number of species, number of party hours driven, and the highest species total in a single county.

A Black Vulture flies near Massac and Johnson County line. Record-setting numbers of Black Vultures were counted during the Illinois 2004 Statewide Spring Bird Count. Photo taken 9 May 2004 by Eric Walters.

Table 2 lists, in descending order, the counties fielding 20 or more observers; 21 counties (one more than in 2003) made the list this year. As usual, Cook and Du Page both continue to field 100 or more observers. It's amazing (and very much appreciated) how the compilers of these counties are

TABLE 1 – Annual Comparisons

Criteria	2004	2003	2002	Highest Total
Number of Species	261	268	265	269(1996)
Number of Birds	559,486	519,342	545,759	593,680(1996)
Number of Participating Counties	101	93	99	102(2yrs)
Number of Observers	1362	1350	1473	1611(1997)
Number of Party Miles Walked	2424	2027	2227	2628(1995)
Number of Party Miles Driven	22,608	21,782	23,802	23,942(2001)
Total Number of PartyMiles	25,032	23,809	26,029	26,401(2001)
Number of Party Hours Walked	2975	2647	3094	3457(1997)
Number of Party Hours Driven	1880	1919	2135	2140(1998)
Total Number of Party Hours	4855	4566	5229	5565(1995)
No. of Species in 90 or more Counties	48	33	47	55(1996)
No. of Counties with 100 or more species	80	69	70	80(2yrs)
No. of Counties with 20 or more observers	21	20	22	24(1998)
Highest Species Total in Single County	184	192	177	205(1983)
Average# of species/participating County	120	120	116	122(1999)
Average# of species for all 102 counties	119	110	113	120(1999)

TABLE 2

Counties with 20 or more Participants

Cook	109	Boone	26
DuPage	117	Knox	28
Kane	52	Pike	26
McDonough	45	Kankakee	25
McHenry	45	Logan	24
Lake	44	Coles	22
Will	38	Edgar	22
Champaign	36	Vermilion	22
LaSalle	32	Kendall	21
JoDaviess	31	Calhoun	20
Winnebago	31		

able to keep everyone organized, avoid duplication of coverage, and have the results compiled in a short turn-around time. It was really unusual to see Schuyler County missing from the list this year. [*Obviously, those counties with 4 or fewer observers would not appear in this table. As an ongoing plea, I encourage some of you from the well-populated counties to participate in one of the more distant counties that could, obviously, benefit from your assistance.* (***Special thanks*** *to those of you who continue to help in one of these counties and to those of you who made the transition this year.)*]

Table 3 provides the usual comparisons of birding efforts in each quarter of the state (south to north—identified as AREAS 1 through 4 in Figure 1). In 2004, the average number of party hours was 48.07, about 1 party hour per county less than last year, nearly 4 party hours less than those recorded in 2002, and 6.6 fewer than the record set in 1977.

Table 4 lists the 48 species reported from 90 or more counties. Thirteen (27%) of these were reported in all 101 counties; another 4 (Great Blue Heron, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Brown Thrasher, and Song Sparrow) were found in all but one county. The European Starling, American Crow, Killdeer, Rock Pigeon, Red-headed Woodpecker, Chimney Swift, House Finch, and Purple Martin were missed in 2, 3, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 11 counties, respectively.

Table 5 shows, in descending order, the 20 most commonly reported species. The top ten are pretty much the same year after year with the Red-winged Blackbird nearly always in the top position and the Common Grackle in second. The next eight positions often change, however, this year the starling and robin remained number 3 and 4, respectively, and the Ring-billed Gull dropped from position 5 to number 7; this allowed the House Sparrow and Canada Goose to move up a notch to positions 5 and 6, respectively. The Canada Goose continues to be almost as common

TABLE 3 – Area Coverage

AREA	Possible # of Counties	# Counties Participating	# Party Hours	Average # Party Hours Per County
1	23	22(96%)	607	27.59
2	28	28(100%)	891	31.82
3	27	27(100%)	1167	43.22
4	24	24(100%)	2190	91.25
TOTAL	**102**	**101(99%)**	**4855**	**48.07**

TABLE 4 – Species Reported from 84 (90%) or more Counties

Canada Goose	99	Eastern Kingbird	99	Common Yellowthroat	97
Wood Duck	93	Red-eyed Vireo	90	Eastern Towhee	93
Mallard	94	Blue Jay	101	Chipping Sparrow	99
Great Blue Heron	100	American Crow	98	Field Sparrow	98
Turkey Vulture	98	Purple Martin	90	Song Sparrow100	
Red-tailed Hawk	101	Tree Swallow	94	Northern Cardinal	101
American Kestrel	90	Barn Swallow	101	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	90
Killdeer	98	Tufted Titmouse	94	Indigo Bunting	101
Rock Pigeon	96	White-brstd Nuthatch	96	Red-winged Blackbird	101
Mourning Dove	101	House Wren	94	Eastern Meadowlark	101
Chimney Swift	94	Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	92	Common Grackle	101
Red-head Woodpecker	95	Eastern Bluebird	99	Brown-headed Cowbird	101
Red-bell Woodpecker	100	American Robin	101	Baltimore Oriole	99
Downy Woodpecker	99	Gray Catbird	97	House Finch	90
Northern Flicker	93	Brown Thrasher	100	American Goldfinch	101
Eastern Phoebe	95	European Starling	99	House Sparrow	101

TABLE 5 – Twenty Most Common Species

	2003	2002	2001	Highest	# Years In Top Species 20
Red-winged Blackbird	61,686	61,845	64,274	69,971(1996)	33
Common Grackle	33,393	32,584	36,591	59,264(1974)	33
European Starling	31,697	28,077	32,105	37,736(1992)	33
American Robin	31,595	26,000	33,808	35,720(1995)	33
House Sparrow	19,232	16,544	32,120	32,120(2002)	33
Canada Goose	18,730	15,585	16,448	19,031(2000)	19
Ring-billed Gull	17,439	20,806	18,728	29,243(1994)	20
American Goldfinch	16,327	10,383	18,240	18,240(2002)	32
Mourning Dove	12,053	12,388	10,551	12,388(2003)	33
Northern Cardinal	11,976	10,229	13,895	13,895(2002)	33
Tree Swallow	10,924	9,426	7,601	24,573(1989)	19
Brown-headed Cowbird	10,567	8,887	11,564	12,542(1995)	33
Barn Swallow	9,934	9,606	6,875	27,532(1999)	32
Indigo Bunting	8,879	8,782	*5,124	**8,879(2004)**	15
Blue Jay	6,618	6,693	11,655	13,446(1984)	33
Chipping Sparrow	6,160	*4,879	5,945	**6,160(2004)**	2
Mallard	6,145	*5,702	5,452	8,731(1994)	19
Double-crested Cormorant	6,108	6,776	9,748	9,748(2002)	5
Yellow-rumped Warbler	6,006	6,807	8,006	17,978(1997)	21
Eastern Meadowlark	5,885	*5,341	*4,983	8,036(1995)	21

New Records in **Bold Face**. * = Not in "Top 20" this year.

as the House Sparrow (a difference of only 502 birds). The American Goldfinch, Mourning Dove, and Northern Cardinal round out the remaining 10 with the goldfinch moving ahead of the dove this year.

The next 4 species (Tree Swallow, Brown-headed Cowbird, Barn Swallow, and Indigo Bunting) are the same as last year, however, the Barn Swallow slipped from the 11th position to number 13 and the Indigo Bunting (still at position 14) exploded in numbers for the second consecutive year establishing another new high count (by 97 birds) over last year's record. The Blue Jay, at position 17 last year, moved up to number 15 this year with a near-identical count total (but less than half of the record total set in 1984).

The Chipping Sparrow, the only other top 20 species to set a new count total, achieved position 16 this year and the top 20 for only the second time. The Double-crested Cormorant, a very rare species when the Spring Bird Count began and an endangered species for several years, is now consistently in the top 20 list. The Mallard, Yellow-rumped Warbler, and Eastern Meadowlark complete the top 20 list for 2004 and occur in the list more often than not. Other species with 5000 or more birds counted and a history of being in the top 20 are Chimney Swift, American Crow, Cliff Swallow, House Wren, Palm Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, and Baltimore Oriole. The three species on last year(s list that did not repeat this year were the American Crow (the first time it has failed to make the list), Common Yellowthroat, and White-throated Sparrow. Over the count's 33-year history, 42 species have been common enough to be on the annual top twenty list; however, eight have but single appearances.

Table 6 is a synopsis of the entire 2004 count. It shows the number of counties reporting each species, the total number of birds of each species reported, the highest number of each species recorded in a single county, and the new records set this year. The 19 species reported from a single county have been bold faced and the SPOTTED TOWHEE (McLean County) is further emphasized by capital letters since it was a new count species and ranks high as one of the most interesting records of 2004. Some of the other notable single-county records were: White-faced Ibis (5th year) (Putnam County), Gray Partridge (De Kalb County), Western Grebe (5th year) (Boone County); American Avocet (13th year) (Tazewell County), Iceland Gull (8th year) (Lake County), Western Kingbird (Madison County), and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (7th year) (Alexander County). Some of the better records of the 8 species reported from only two counties were: Greater Prairie-Chicken, Merlin, Sanderling, Western Sand-piper, Great Black-backed Gull, and Short-eared Owl.

Table 6, at the end, also acknowledges those species reported on the Spring Bird Count that are not officially countable as Illinois species. For the purposes of this report those species have been identified as exotics and others. The Trumpeter Swan, obviously, is not

TABLE 6: Species Accounts for the 2004 Spring Bird Count

Key to Table:
* New Spring Bird Count High Total
# Ties Previous Spring Bird Count High Total
New species to Count are in BOLD FACE CAPS
Species Reported from a Single County are in Bold Face

Species	Total Co's	No. of Birds	High County	(Total)
Snow Goose	9	22	Adams	(7)
Canada Goose	99#	18730	DuPage	(1455)
Mute Swan	19	230*	Lake	(53)
Wood Duck	93	2593	Cook	(163)
Gadwall	20	123	Mason	(32)
American Wigeon	2	3	LaSalle	(2)
American Black Duck	3	19	RockIsland	(13)
Mallard	94	6145	DuPage	(974)
Blue-winged Teal	68	993	Lake	(89)
Northern Shoveler	35	181	Henderson	(25)
Northern Pintail	3	8	Putnam	(3)
Green-winged Teal	13	38	Winnebago	(3)
Canvasback	5	5	Five counties	(1)
Redhead	4	8	Four counties	(2)
Ring-necked Duck	15	50	Rock Island	(12)
Lesser Scaup	17	51	Hancock	(14)
Bufflehead	6	8	Two counties	(2)
Common Goldeneye	1	1	LaSalle	(1)
Hooded Merganser	23	119*	Mason	(15)
Common Merganser	4	10	LaSalle	(6)
Red-breasted Merganser	15	468	Lake	(355)
Ruddy Duck	23	186	Putnam	(64)
Gray Partridge	1	2	DeKalb	(2)
Ring-necked Pheasant	60	837	Champaign	(64)
Greater Prairie-Chicken	2	20	Marion	(11)
Wild Turkey	81	986	Boone	(97)
Northern Bobwhite	79	1217	Richland	(111)
Common Loon	12	17	Two counties	(3)
Pied-billed Grebe	46	271	Lake	(30)
Western Grebe	1#	1#	Boone	#(1)
American White Pelican	19#	560*	Rock Island	(107)
Double-crest Cormorant	54	6108	Cook	(1633)
American Bittern	16	28	Jackson	(5)
Least Bittern	3	4	Massac	(2)
Great Blue Heron	100#	4408	Lake	(326)

an exotic species; however, until it meets the minimum Illinois Ornithological Records Committee standards to become an official, countable species, it will appear under the exotic heading with appropriate numbers being recorded as if it was a countable species Records of the Ringed Turtle-Dove and of hybrids (the latter listed under the other category) will be maintained in a similar manner. The "Brewster's Warbler" (Blue-winged/ Golden-winged hybrid) has now been reported on the Spring Bird Count 12 times.

In regards to exotics, a couple of count reports (including photographs) that really do qualify for this category were the pairs of Great Tits and European Goldfinches that had been present in McHenry County for quite some time. It'll be interesting to follow the happenings of these birds.

New Species Records. As mentioned previously, Table 6 also iden-

TABLE 6: Species Accounts for the 2004 Spring Bird Count (cont.)

Species	Total Co.s	No. of Birds	High County	(Total)
Great Egret	56	1635	Will	(292)
Snowy Egret	15#	71	Pulaski	(22)
Little Blue Heron	19	94	St.Clair	(28)
Cattle Egret	19	217	St.Clair	(69)
Green Heron	83	555	Cook	(70)
Black-crown Night-Heron	18	623	Cook	(549)
Yllw-crown Night-Heron	10	27	Two counties	(7)
White-faced Ibis	1#	3*	Putnam	*(3)
Black Vulture	9#	89*	Johnson	(20)
Turkey Vulture	98	4203*	Calhoun	*(201)
Osprey	21	41	Cook	*(8)
Mississippi Kite	6	37	Union	(15)
Bald Eagle	33*	101*	JoDaviess	(10)
Northern Harrier	38#	79	McHenry	(6)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	30	60	DuPage	(8)
Cooper's Hawk	55#	259*	DuPage	*(42)
Red-shouldered Hawk	25	90	Union	*(15)
Broad-winged Hawk	34	131	Winnebago	(19)
Swainson's Hawk	1	2	Kane	(2)
Red-tailed Hawk	101#	1465	DuPage	(108)
Rough-legged Hawk	1	1	Cook	(1)
American Kestrel	90	472	LaSalle	(29)
Merlin	2	2	Two counties	(1)
Peregrine Falcon	4	5	Lake	(2)
King Rail	6	13*	Three counties	(3)
Virginia Rail	24	98	Lake	(25)
Sora	53	613	Lake	(99)
Common Moorhen	4	9	Calhoun	(5)
American Coot	53	3587	Putnam	(1825)
Sandhill Crane	12#	181*	McHenry	(52)
Black-bellied Plover	5	27	Fayette	(9)
American Golden-Plover	23	4058	McLean	(2263)
Semipalmated Plover	39	508	Fayette	*(232)
Killdeer	98	3750	Richland	(170)
Black-necked Stilt	7*	21*	Jackson	*(5)
AmericanAvocet	**1**	**1**	**Tazewell**	**(1)**
Greater Yellowlegs	60*	356	Effingham	(40)
Lesser Yellowlegs	71	1413	Tazewell	(227)
Solitary Sandpiper	76	909	DuPage	(117)
Willet	7	10	Twocounties	(2)
Spotted Sandpiper	74	937	DuPage	(62)
Upland Sandpiper	8	27	Will	(14)
Sanderling	2	5	Lake	(4)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	41	625	Tazewell	(200)
Western Sandpiper	2	6	Tazewell	(5)
Least Sandpiper	64	3645*	Richland	(413)
White-rumped Sandpiper	11	38	Henderson	(14)
Baird's Sandpiper	5#	11	Two counties	(4)
Pectoral Sandpiper	63	3518	Tazewell	(870)
Dunlin	20	303	Tazewell	(125)
Stilt Sandpiper	3	3	Three counties	(1)
Short-billed Dowitcher	28	151	Lake	(39)
Common Snipe	23	97	Booone	(21)
American Woodcock	38	159	Lake	(30)
Wilson's Phalarope	7	14	Lake	(6)
Bonaparte's Gull	9	55	Lake	(22)
Ring-billed Gull	55	17439	Cook	(12907)
Herring Gull	16	418	Lake	(252)
Thayer's Gull	1	2	Lake	(2)
Iceland Gull	1	1	Lake	(1)
Great Black-backed Gull	2#	3	Cook	(2)
Caspian Tern	21	765	Lake	(371)
Common Tern	16	340	Lake	(173)
Forster's Tern	31	421	Lake	(160)
Black Tern	5	20	Lake	(10)
Rock Pigeon	96	4467	Cook	(513)
Eurasian Collared-Dove	26*	149*	Montgomery	*(38)
Mourning Dove	101	12053	Winnebago	(560)
Monk Parakeet	3#	58	Cook	(50)
Black-billed Cuckoo	24	46	Two counties	(5)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	70	490	Union	(89)
Barn Owl	3	7	Union	(4)
Eastern Screech-Owl	41	90	Williamson	(6)
Great Horned Owl	60	195	DuPage	(14)
Barred Owl	77	540	Union	(59)
Short-eared Owl	2	3	Jasper	(2)
Common Nighthawk	61	337	Edgar	(43)
Chuck-will's-widow	14	43	Union	(9)
Whip-poor-will	55	656	Union	*(126)
Chimney Swift	94	5654	Kane	(601)
Ruby-thrtd Hummingbird	86	1048	Calhoun	(133)
Belted Kingfisher	76	401	Winnebago	(33)
Red-headed Woodpecker	95	1754	Mercer	(118)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	100	3247	DuPage	*(245)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	25	77	Cook	(14)
Downy Woodpeeker	99	2002	DuPage	(193)
Hairy Woodpecker	78	441	DuPage	*(52)
Northern Flicker	93	1922	DuPage	(165)
Pileated Woodpeeker	58	287	Union	(45)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	13	24	Two counties	#(5)

tifies all count reeords. The 67 new records have been identified by an asterisk (*) and the 24 records that tied the previous high have been identified by the pound (#) sign. Fifteen new records increased the number of counties reporting the species; some of the largest or most interesting increases in county totals were for the Bald Eagle (up 2 counties), Black-necked Stilt (up 1 county), Greater Yellowlegs (up 3 counties), Eurasian Collared-Dove (up 7 counties), Cliff Swallow (up 5 counties), American Pipit (up 2 counties), Northern Parula (up 8 counties), Grasshopper Sparrow (up 6 counties), and Dickcissel (up 5 counties). Thirty-three new records increased the total number of birds reported for those species in a single count year; some of the largest and most interesting gains (followed by the percent increase) were for the Mute Swan (up 81 birds, +54%); Hooded Merganser (up 19 birds, +19%); American White Pelican (up

TABLE 6: Species Accounts for the 2004 Spring Bird Count (cont.)

Species	Total Co.s	No. of Birds	High County	(Total)
Eastern Wood-Pewee	89	1180	Union	(110)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	1	Adams	(1)
Acadian Flycatcher	45	371	Union	(108)
Alder Flycatcher	2	2	Two counties	(1)
Willow Flycatcher	22	39	Jackson	(7)
Least Flycatcher	62	422	Cook	(44)
Eastern Phoebe	95	1575*	McDonough	(78)
Great Crested Flycatcher	89	2056*	Union	(95)
Western Kingbird	1	4	Madison	(4)
Eastern Kingbird	99	3186	McDonough	(145)
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1	1	Alexander	(1)
Loggerhead Shrike	18	53	Union	(8)
White-eyed Vireo	67	751	Union	(180)
Bell's Vireo	28	81*	Two counties	(9)
Yellow-throated Vireo	75*	933*	Union	(45)
Blue-headed Vireo	37	203	Cook	(56)
Warbling Vireo	89	2270*	Pike	*(139)
Philadelphia Vireo	24	57	Champaign	(10)
Red-eyed Vireo	90	1440	Union	(118)
Blue Jay	101	6618	DuPage	(505)
American Crow	98	5287	Winnebago	(361)
Fish Crow	15#	175	Union	(61)
Horned Lark	86	2027	McHenry	(94)
Purple Martin	90	3924	Calhoun	(646)
Tree Swallow	94	10924	Carroll	(3009)
No.Rough-wngd Swallow	88	4267	Carroll	(746)
Bank Swallow	61	4944	Carroll	(1427)
Cliff Swallow	69*	5339	Carroll	(682)
Barn Swallow	101	9934	Cook	(505)
Carolina Chiekadee	40	755	Union	(107)
Black-capped Chickadee	63	3152	DuPage	(396)
Tufted Titmouse	94	2527	Union	(159)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	10	21	Cook	(6)
White-breasted Nuthatch	96	1678	DuPage	(108)
Brown Creeper	21	35	Cook	(7)
Carolina Wren	84#	1162	Union	(74)
House Wren	94	5012	Winnebago	*(419)
Winter Wren	4	5	McLean	(2)
Sedge Wren	32#	231*	DuPage	*(39)
Marsh Wren	32	244*	DuPage	*(56)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	45	756	Cook	(218)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	92	3509*	DuPage	(315)
Eastern Bluebird	99	3641	Knox	(178)
Veery	56	250	Cook	(34)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	54	231	Union	(24)

Species	Total Co.s	No. of Birds	High County	(Total)
Swainson's Thrush	78	1037	Union	(174)
Hermit Thrush	24	80	Cook	(25)
Wood Thrush	88	1337	Winnebago	(92)
American Robin	101	31595	DuPage	(2073)
Gray Catbird	97	4879	DuPage	(582)
Northern Mockingbird	79	1036*	Union	(105)
Brown Thrasher	100	2412	JoDaviess	(114)
European Starling	993	1697	Cook	(1918)
American Pipit	20*	84	Two counties	(20)
Cedar Waxwing	68	2003	Winnebago	(238)
Blue-winged Warbler	46	258	Cook	(29)
Golden-winged Warbler	46	279	DuPage	(35)
Tennessee Warbler	81	2698	Union	(209)
Orange-crowned Warbler	27	142	Cook	(39)
Nashville Warbler	71	1695	Cook	(261)
Northern Parula	78*	1040*	Union	(81)
Yellow Warbler	86	2367	DuPage	(374)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	70	750	DuPage	(92)
Magnolia Warbler	63	657	Cook	(115)
Cape May Warbler	38	293	DuPage	(44)
Black-thr Blue Warbler	9	33	Cook	(12)
Yellow-rumped Warbler	76	6006	DuPage	(1289)
Black-thr Green Warbler	52	1175	Cook	(251)
Blackburnian Warbler	44	272	DuPage	(45)
Yellow-throated Warbler	39	148	Union	(31)
Pine Warbler	28	77	Jackson	(11)
Prairie Warbler	14	162	Williamson	(32)
Palm Warbler	81	5109	Cook	(954)
Bay-breasted Warbler	41	186	Cook	(27)
Blackpoll Warbler	57	396	Union	(60)
Cerulean Warbler	30	85	Carroll	(16)
Black-and-white Warbler	72	841	Cook	(164)
American Redstart	76	1230	Carroll	(122)
Prothonotary Warbler	67	673	Union	(167)
Worm-eating Warbler	26	124	Union	(60)
Ovenbird	74	1054	Cook	(203)
Northern Waterthrush	68	932	Cook	(197)
Louisiana Waterthrush	58	220	Union	(23)
Kentueky Warbler	55	536	Union	(105)
Connecticut Warbler	4	4	Four counties	(1)
Mourning Warbler	12	70*	Two counties	(3)
Common Yellowthroat	97	5482	Cook	(339)
Hooded Warbler	27*	99*	Union	(9)
Wilson's Warbler	37	158	McLean	(29)
Canada Warbler	19	26	Two counties	(3)

74 birds, +15%), White-faced Ibis (up 2 birds, +200%), Turkey Vulture (up 404 birds, +11%), Cooper(s Hawk (up 49 birds, +23%), Sandhill Crane (up 14 birds, +9%), Black-necked Stilt (up 16 birds, +320%), Least Sandpiper (up 308 birds, +9%), Eurasian Collared-Dove (up 91 birds, +157%), Eastern Phoebe (up 93 birds, +6%), Great Crested Flycatcher (up 404 birds, +24%), Bell(s Vireo (up 7 birds, +9%), Yellow-throated Vireo (up 350 birds, +59%), Warbling Vireo (up 115 birds, +5%), Sedge Wren (up 103 birds, +80%), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (up 389 birds, +12%), Northern Mockingbird (up 123 birds, +13%), Northern Parula (up 124 birds, +14%), Mourning Warbler (up 24 birds, +52%), Summer Tanager (up 38 birds, +9%), Scarlet Tanager (up 219 birds, +22%), Savannah Sparrow (up 448 birds, +46%), Grasshopper Sparrow (up 216 birds, +18%), Indigo Bunting (up 97 birds, +1%), and Baltimore Oriole (up 70 birds, +1%). Nineteen new records increased the total number of birds reported for those species in a single county; some of the largest or most interesting increases were for the Turkey Vulture (up 33 birds, Calhoun County), Cooper(s Hawk (up 13 birds, Du Page County), Semipalmated Plovers (up 65 birds, Fayette County), Black-necked Stilt (up 2 birds, Massac County), Eurasian Collared-Dove (up 25 birds, Montgomery County), Red-bellied Woodpecker (up 33 birds, Du Page County), Warbling Vireo (up 28 birds, Pike County), House Wren (up 40 birds, Winnebago County), Sedge Wren (up 17 birds, Du Page County), Marsh Wren (up 18 birds, Du Page County), Northern Cardinal (up 71 birds, Du Page County), and American Gold-finch (up 184 birds, Du Page County).

Species Comments. This was an excellent year for some of the grassland species, note especially the high counts for Sedge Wrens and Savannah and Grasshopper Sparrows. Several species including the Black Vulture, Hooded Merganser, Sandhill Crane, Black-necked Stilt, Bell's Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Northern Parula, Summer Tanager, Indigo Bunting, and Orchard Oriole followed last year's record-setting numbers with even higher numbers in 2004. The Gray Partridge was one of four gallinaceous species found in De Kalb

TABLE 6: Species Accounts for the 2004 Spring Bird Count (cont.)

Species	Total Co.s	No. of Birds	High County	(Total)
Yellow-breasted Chat	67	560	Union	(84)
Summer Tanager	52	463*	Union	(71)
Scarlet Tanager	85	857	DuPage	(72)
Eastern Towhee	93	2010	Mason	(144)
SPOTTED TOWHEE	**1***	**1***	**McLean**	***(1)**
American Tree Sparrow	**1**	**1**	**McDonough**	**(1)**
Chipping Sparrow	99	6160	Winnebago	(394)
Clay-colored Sparrow	11	37	Cook	(19)
Field Sparrow	98	3723	DuPage	(238)
Vesper Sparrow	52	324#	JoDaviess	(58)
Lark Sparrow	37	317	Mercer	(70)
Savannah Sparrow	76*	1428*	DuPage	(139)
Grasshopper Sparrow	79*	1392*	JoDaviess	(520)
Henslow's Sparrow	29#	151	Union	(34)
LeConte's Sparrow	**1**	**1**	**Knox**	**(1)**
Fox Sparrow	**1**	**1**	**Cook**	**(1)**
Song Sparrow	100#	5269	DuPage	(698)
Lincoln's Sparrow	43*	361	Cook	(99)
Swamp Sparrow	56	1216	Winnebago	(214)
White-throated Sparrow	81	5445	Cook	(1526)
Harris's Sparrow	4	5	McHenry	(2)
White-crowned Sparrow	86	5028	Cook	(1180)
Dark-eyed Junco	7	10	Threecounties	(2)
Lapland Longspur	1	28	Kane	(28)
Northern Cardinal	101	11976	DuPage	*(785)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	90	2976	DuPage	(230)
Blue Grosbeak	29	138	Union	(26)
Indigo Bunting	101#	8879*	Union	(781)
Dickcissel	83*	3212	Union	(328)
Bobolink	71	2529	DuPage	(211)
Red-winged Blackbird	101	61686	DuPage	(3916)
Eastern Meadowlark	100	5885	JoDaviess	(341)
Western Meadowlark	23	407	JoDaviess	*(302)
Yellow-headed Blackbird	10	61	Lake	(16)
RustyBlackbird	**1**	**1**	**Tazewell**	**(1)**
Brewer's Blackbird	**1**	**17**	**Lake**	**(17)**
Common Grackle	101	33393	Winnebago	(1438)
Brown-headed Cowbird	101	10567	DuPage	(666)
Orchard Oriole	83*	715*	Union	(96)
Baltimore Oriole	99	5602*	DuPage	(369)
Purple Finch	25	134	Edgar	(40)
House Finch	90	2359	Edgar	(157)
Pine Siskin	12	34	Knox	(6)
American Goldfinch	101	16327	DuPage*	(1659)
House Sparrow	101	19232	Cook	(1822)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	25	598*	Calhoun	(209)
Exotics:				
[Trumpeter Swan	1	1	Pike	(1)]
[Ringed Turtle Dove	1	10	Will	(10)]
[Great Tit	1	2	McHenry	(2)]
[European Goldfinch	1	2	McHenry	(2)]
Others				
[Laughing x Ring-bill Gull	1	1	Cook	(1)]
[Brewster's Warbler	1	1	Winnebago	(1)]
New Records(*)	15	33		19
Tied Records(#)	20	2		2

County; thankfully, partridges are still being reported. Four gallinaceous species, including the prairie-chicken, were also reported from Jasper and Marion Counties. Can you imagine not finding Rock Pigeons? They were missed in 5 counties. As noted earlier, the Ringed Turtle-Dove was once again found in Will County and listed in this report (under exotics). The Eurasian Collared-Dove made significant gains again this year (note the 38 reported from Montgomery County. The hoped-for Scissor-tailed Flycatchers in the Jackson/ Union county area were not found on count day, however, one was seen and photographed in Alexander County. The Painted Bunting banded in East St. Louis last year returned to the same site this year, but not soon enough to be included on this count. With the Spotted Towhee being added as a new Spring Bird Count species, the accumulative list now stands at 324 species.

Species Missed. Although 261 species is a reasonably good number, that's 8 species short of the record and slightly below recent averages. Two of the most notable misses were: the Laughing Gull (especially since one regularly occurs at a KFC restaurant in Chicago) and Golden-crowned Kinglet. A few other would have, could-have or should-have-beens include Eared and Horned Grebes, Greater White-fronted Goose, Greater Scaup, any sea duck, Long-eared Owl, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, and Painted Bunting. Of course, other gulls, shorebirds or waterfowl species may have been possible as well.

Other Notes. Fairly large numbers of migrant warblers were well-represented in many areas and specifically mentioned in McLean,

TABLE 7: 2004 County Statistics

N/R = No Report

= New contact person for the county

County	Area	Number of Sp.	Number of Birds	Number of Obs.	Number of Ptys	TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Adams	3	136	8,211	21	8	*0300-2200*	19/484	20/59	Al Dierkes
Alexander	1	136	4,674	6	3	*0425-1625	9/180	8/21	Ida Domazlicky
Bond	2	92	1,964	3	1	0600-1930	4/148	3/11	Charley Marbut
Boone	4	139	10,661	25	15	0530-2015	62/362	75/21	Arlene Brie
Brown	3	157	2,086	2	1	*0330-1730	5/150	7/5	Michael Ward
Bureau	4	135	4,711	3	2	*0330-1715	5/140	5/14	Doug Stotz
Calhoun	2	103	5,859	12	6	*0500-1815	4/336	6/36	Wilda Sutherland
Carroll	4	179	8,533	3	3	*0130-2015	9/249	13/25	Jeffrey Baughman
Cass	3	122	2,464	3	1	*0500-1730	3/117	1/10	Robert Randall
Champaign	3	162	8,560	37	18	*0400-2000	51/313	74/21	Beth Chato
Christian	2	112	2,226	8	5	*0400-1930	19/334	22/17	Clark Olson
Clark	2	74	3,141	9	5	0730-2130*	2/98	6/13	Donna Clem
Clay	2	74	661	2	1	0520-1730	2/121	3/7	Terry Esker
Clinton	2	167	4,249	9	5	*0000-1900	22/400	28/42	Dan Kassebaum
Coles	2	111	1,228	11	5	*0230-1720	8/65	14/3	Tyler Funk
Cook	4	192	51,253	110	51	*0410-2025	191/477	307/38	Duane Heaton
Crawford	2	103	4,421	22	7	0515-2030	6/306	8/51	Patricia Neighbors
Cumberland	2	90	821	4	2	*0345-1930	3/32	6/6	Larry Thorsen
De Kalb	4	132	9,943	15	7	*0300-2045	37/308	48/21	Darrell Shambaugh
De Witt	3	120	2,123	9	6	0600-2100*	7/160	16/8	L. Miller-Ishmael
Douglas	2	97	768	2	1	*0430-1230	2/78	3/4	Ted Funk
Du Page	4	165	23,926	101	38	*0450-2100*	178/264	216/19	Bob Fisher
Edgar	2	84	5,273	21	8	0530-2245*	7/292	20/33	Mary Ida Riedell
Edwards	1	80	3,791	4	4	0540-2020	4/114	6/19	Elaine Michels
Effingham	2	117	4,055	9	5	*0430-2015	16/185	32/10	Mary Ann Hoeffliger
Fayette	2	89	1,061	10	7	*0100-2230*	6/97	13/21	Arthur W. Jones
Ford	3	66	572	2	1	*0515-1730	2/20	6/2	Larry David
Franklin	1	105	1,492	2	1	*0200-1900	3/60	6/4	Leonard Stanley
Fulton	3	117	4,109	12	5	0530-1830	10/369	9/40	Helen Gasdorf
Gallatin	1	93	838	1	1	*0300-2030	6/1151	7/7	Ron Bradley
Greene	2	107	1,405	4	2	*0510-1910	1/83	1/13	Dan Martin
Grundy	4	----	-------	---	---	----------	--------	-------	N/R
Hamilton	1	116	3,839	14	14	0520-2200*	28/467	41/34	Hazel Clark
Hancock	3	101	3,334	11	5	*0430-2145*	10/242	9/27	J. Michael Sallee
Hardin	1	95	701	17	4	0610-1845	1/90	1/9	Elizabeth Raikes
Henderson	3	127	2,713	8	6	*0415-1925	14/237	17/23	Chuck Leib
Henry	4	107	1,455	2	1	*0400-1700	3/151	4/7	Randy Nyboer
Iroquois	3	97	2,651	10	5	0630-2100*	16/155	17/17	Robert Dannehl
Jackson	1	131	4,004	7	3	*0305-1935	11/250	13/18	Rhonda Rothrock
Jasper	2	91	1,142	2	1	*0500-1700	5/60	4/6	Scott Simpson

TABLE 7: 2004 County Statistics, *continued*

County	Area	Number of Sp.	Number of Birds	Number of Obs.	Number of Ptys	TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Jefferson	1	----	-------	---	---	----------	--------	-------	N/R
Jersey	2	132	3,513	10	2	0630-1700	1/119	2/9	Gilbert Ives
Jo Daviess	4	142	12,953	28	8	*0000-1900	21/585	21/65	Grace Storch
Johnson	1	89	1,258	2	1	*0500-2000	2/40	6/3	Ray Boehmer
Kane	4	156	15,404	50	22	*0510-2030	94/461	136/36	Robert Montgomery
Kankakee	4	144	5,138	23	11	*0500-2100*	23/178	40/12	Etta Aubertin
Kendall	4	124	4,024	30	13	*0000-1730	54/223	76/22	Dave Ramsden
Knox	3	163	12,928	27	16	*0000-2200*	32/732	50/72	Phil Reyburn
Lake	4	181	23,510	47	18	*0330-2330*	109/448	142/29	Danny Diaz
La Salle	4	166	13,605	29	13	*0400-2030	56/813	63/59	John McKee
Lawrence	2	----	-------	---	---	----------	--------	-------	N/R
Lee	4	112	1,980	6	4	0515-1730	12/97	18/10	John Bivins
Livingston	3	----	-------	---	---	----------	--------	-------	N/R
Logan	3	104	3,906	22	9	0520-2000	15/332	24/22	Margaret Lanterman
Macon	3	134	2,662	13	6	*0415-1930	19/178	26/13	Ross Thompson
Macoupin	2	84	655	2	1	*0430-1615	6/40	7/2	Vicki Hedrick
Madison	2	142	4,762	14	6	*0000-2200*	24/267	32/13	Frank Holmes
Marion	2	89	2,226	6	3	0530-1500	3/125	4/13	Terry Esker
Marshall	3	102	2,666	5	2	*0500-1600	3/160	3/17	Mary Hill
Mason	3	162	9,438	13	5	*0400-1830	32/265	39/18	Richard Bjorklund
Massac	1	157	3,762	5	4	*0100-1800	17/180	21/10	Frank Bennett
McDonough	3	142	10,390	29	18	*0100-2000	53/316	76/42	David/Heidi Benson
McHenry	4	164	16,256	50	30	*0430-2015	67/610	77/59	David Frey
McLean	3	149	11,280	17	7	*0500-2000	33/320	42/23	Dale Birkenholz
Menard	3	114	1,971	4	3	0600-1940	10/84	11/8	Ken Lockhart
Mercer	4	118	2,589	3	3	*0000-1930	2/191	4/26	Bill Bertrand
Monroe	1	117	3,400	9	4	*0435-1730	13/120	19/14	Mary Regan
Montgomery	2	108	1,403	3	2	0700-1935	15/115	11/8	Mark Phipps
Morgan	2	----	-------	---	---	----------	--------	-------	N/R
Moultrie	2	76	788	4	2	0520-1930	3/45	5/2	Eric Smith
Ogle	4	56	445	1	1	0600-2000	4/4	6/52	Richie Wolf
Peoria	3	----	-------	---	---	----------	--------	-------	N/R
Perry	1	117	3,460	2	2	0530-1830	11/212	9/13	Brian Chandler
Piatt	3	125	4,279	19	12	*0450-2100*	25/147	30/12	Charlene Anchor
Pike	2	135	7,006	19	11	*0500-2005	6/490	8/42	Evelyn Hoover
Pope	1	112	2,817	7	3	*0500-1830	7/172	15/16	Daniel Spivey
Pulaski	1	114	2,012	5	3	*0500-2130*	2/116	6/16	Bob Lindsay
Putnam	4	118	3,350	3	2	*0430-2000	6/90	7/5	Michele Simone
Randolph	1	138	4,411	9	3	*0435-2200*	12/275	17/13	Ann Sanders
Richland	2	102	8,194	15	7	0545-1945	10/376	11/43	Frank Storment
Rock Island	4	151	6,818	18	9	*0500-1815	15/412	29/36	Tim Murphy
St. Clair	1	143	6,087	7	5	0525-2015	23/362	35/17	Richard Call
Saline	1	----	-------	---	---	----------	--------	-------	N/R
Sangamon	2	158	5,516	6	5	*0400-2000	12/292	17/25	David Bohlen
Schuyler	3	64	2,476	58	7	0800-1800	9/43	7/10	Harold Hedden
Scott	2	108	2,377	7	3	0520-1730	6/165	8/16	Steve Tavender
Shelby	2	130	3,199	8	4	*0500-2030	13/277	22/10	Karen Forcum
Stark	3	----	-------	---	---	----------	--------	-------	N/R
Stephenson	4	94	4,992	15	5	0600-1500	36/243	20/25	George Visel
Tazewell	3	102	2,752	1	1	0520-1930	5/168	5/9	Mike Miller
Union	1	167	12,845	10	7	*0145-2000	28/457	28/49	Vernon Kleen
Vermilion	3	149	7,923	13	9	0530-2130*	25/380	39/26	Marilyn Campbell
Wabash	1	126	1,770	10	5	0600-2030	11/98	21/13	Gary Adams
Warren	3	63	939	10	8	0600-1900	6/53	7/6	Lynn Schoonover
Washington	1	93	1,007	4	2	0700-2300*	4/111	14/3	Martin Kemper
Wayne	1	----	-------	---	---	----------	--------	-------	N/R
White	1	86	690	4	3	*0500-1900	9/82	16/10	Mark Fridley
Whiteside	4	111	2,011	4	2	0530-1830	10/2408	7/6	Carol Jackley
Will	4	166	16,277	44	17	*0300-2000	48/498	59/33	Jim Kelly
Williamson	1	139	5,797	12	7	*0430-2000	22/237	27/27	Tracy Evans
Winnebago	4	163	21,506	33	15	*0410-2230*	142/519	113/35	Jack Armstrong
Woodford	3	77	1,001	2	1	0615-1430	2/110	3/8	Brenda Garman

Cook, Lake, and Du Page Counties. The best place to be for the early-arriving Wilson's Warbler was in McLean county where an amazing 29 were encountered. Shorebirds and an interesting array of other water birds were plentiful at the Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam County). Other good locations for shorebirds included Tazewell, Richland, and Fayette Counties. Although a few Alder and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers and Connecticut Warblers had arrived by count day, some records were disqualified for lack of adequate documentation.

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As usual, the Spring Bird Count would not have been possible without the dedicated interest and support of Illinois birders. I'd like to personally thank everyone who assisted with the Spring Bird Count in any way, especially for making diligent and accurate counts of the birds present in your assigned areas. Special thanks, too, to all county coordinators/compilers (identified in Table 7), many of whom have served in this capacity all 33 years, for the countless hours of dedication spent in lining up observers, assigning territories, reviewing data and documentation, compiling the results, and submitting them in a timely manner. The 33rd Spring Bird Count Report is a reflection of your outstanding efforts and is dedicated to you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Spring Bird Count

2005 = 7 May
2006 = 6 May
2007 = 5 May
2008 = 10 May

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Table 7 details the County Statistics. The columns in this table include: 1) the county name; 2) the AREA (1, 2, 3 or 4) of the state in which the county occurs; 3) the number of species identified; 4) the number of countable birds reported; 5) the number of participating birders; 6) the number of parties counting birds; 7) the earliest and latest birding times (in the 24-hour system with owling hours before and/or after daylight hours marked by an asterisk (*(); 8) the number of party miles walked (W) and driven (D); 9) the number of party hours walked (W) and driven (D); and 10) the 2004 county coordinator/compiler. An equal sign (=) following the coordinator/compiler(s name indicates the new person now responsible for the county.

For a handful of counties, the number of species listed in Table 7 may be one or two fewer than originally submitted by the county compiler because the documentations required were either not provided, or, insufficient to adequately eliminate other potential species.

Figure 1 provides an easy pictorial view of how well we did. The top number is the number of species reported and the bottom number (in parenthesis), the number of observers in the county. The figure can be used to compare the results of adjacent counties as well as distant counties; it also identifies those counties where more assistance would be helpful, especially those with 4 or fewer participants. White County was the only county for which results were not received this year.

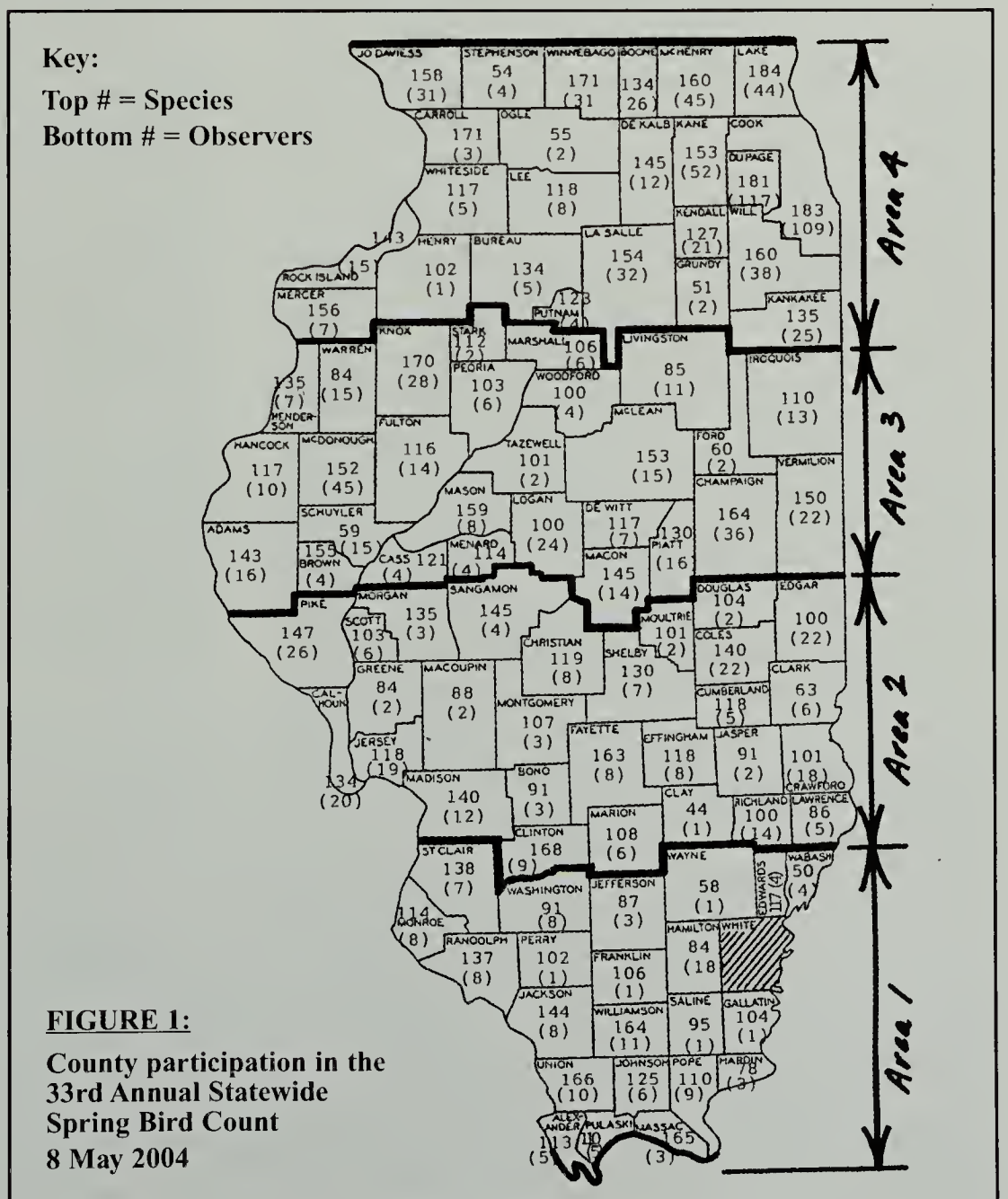

FIGURE 1:
County participation in the 33rd Annual Statewide Spring Bird Count
8 May 2004

Field Notes

2004 spring migration

Mottled Duck drawing by Michael L. P. Retter

by Paul R. Clyne

A rather simplistic view of spring migration plots the northbound passage of birds on a calendar that conveniently begins with March and ends with May, and during which the denouement is a month-long frenzied flurry as the resolute, motley troops of warblers and other insectivores wend their way back north through our treetops. And then it's over. Of course, spring migrations are never so straightforward, but the spring 2004 passage came unusually close to being just that simple.

Sustained low temperatures in February resulted in deeper, more widespread freezing of waters and in more persistent snow cover than has been typical of most recent winters. Even days with milder south winds in the second half of February precipitated little movement, as there was little hospitable habitat to move into. Barely more than a trickle of migration was reported until the last two days of February (and the last day would already have been March but for 2004 being a leap year).

March proceeded at a steady, but sluggish, pace for migration, predictably bolstered by warm fronts now and again, most notably on 20 and 28 March, before turning colder at month's end. The first half of April remained chilly (it was, for example, the coldest first two weeks of April on record in Chicago), while the second half of the month brought in a spring roller coaster of warm southwest fronts and chilly northerly fronts, with a predictable alternation of better and worse days for bird migration.

May was cool and wet overall, but otherwise comparatively uneventful from a meteorological standpoint, with few noteworthy hindrances or aids to migration. The usual spring passage of songbirds thus proceeded about as one might expect for most of the month, with the biggest numbers of insectivores concentrated in the period 8-23 May. An unusual feature this spring, however, was an abrupt downslide in diversity beginning 27 May. Doug Stotz commented, "..migration pretty much screeched to a halt about 24-26 May....This was my worst June for migrants since 1997...."

Excluding nine species requiring review by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC) and three exotics, a total of 296 species were reported this season, including four record early arrivals, six new Illinois high counts, and two record late departures. Highlights are boldfaced in the species accounts.

The foundation of this summary is the detailed information on migration limits and populations as submitted directly to the compiler (or indirectly via the Illinois Department of Natural Resources) by field observers across the state. Migration limits and maximum counts are provided, where available, from each of the three subsections of Illinois, North, Central and South, as mapped out in Bohlen's (1978) Annotated Check-list of the Birds of Illinois. Additional data are selectively included for species and areas of special interest.

Our sincere thanks are extended to the following observers, who supplied all the data for the 2600+ records included in this summary. These observers are credited by their initials following each record; disambiguating citation forms are indicated where needed. As in previous reports, the sequencing of observers below is based on alphabetization of last and first initials or citation forms rather than on alphabetization of last names: Alan Anderson, Kim Ainis, Cindy Alberico, Douglas Anderson, Jill Anderson, Arlene Brei, Frank Bennett, H. David Bohlen, Margaret Baker, Michael J. Baum, Richard & Sigurd Bjorklund (R&SBj), Ron Bradley, Steven Bailey, Vicki Buchwald, Jeff Chapman, Karin Cassel, Melinda Born Chapman, Paul Clyne, Scott Carpenter, Al Dierkes, Don Darnell, Donald R. Dann, Myrna Deaton, Pat Durkin, Randi Doeker, Sheryl DeVore, Dow Edgerton, Matthew Fraker, Sue Friscia, Tyler Funk, Chet Gresham, Eric Ginsburg, Urs Geiser, Brian Herriott, Cary Hillegonds, Frank Holmes, L. Barrie Hunt, Larry L. Hood, Leroy Harrison, Mary Ann Hoeffliger, R. Hickson (RHn), Robert D. Hughes, Roger Hayes, Rhetta Jack, Larry Jeisy, G. Johnson, Dan Kassebaum, Jerry Kumery (JKu) John Koch (fide EW), Masatake Kashiyae, Tim Kuesel (fide WM), Craig Litteken, Karen Lund, Thomas V. Lerczak, Carolyn Marsh, D. James Mountjoy, Keith A. McMullen, Kristy Mahan (fide TAM), Loren D. Mahan (fide TAM), Richard Messenger, Steven Mlodinow, Thomas U. May, Travis A. Mahan, Vince Moxon, Walter Marcisz, Sharon Parmet, Michael Puljung, A. Raim (ARm)(fide SB), Adam Reyburn, Jennette Rader, Phil Reyburn, Rhonda Monroe Rothrock, William C. Rowe, Andrew Spencer, Bob Shelby, Darrell J.

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Greater White-fronted Goose at Beall Woods State Park, Wabash County. 3 April 2004. This bird remained here for several weeks. Photo by Eric Walters.

The 2004 Spring Migration

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 22 Feb, Stickney Run FP (McHenry Co) (SB); 29 Feb (7), Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co) (DTW); 6 Mar, Nelson M (ES). **MC**: 800, Hennepin L, 12 Mar (DFS); 535+, Joslin (Rock Island Co), 6 Mar (EW: photos); 500, Chau, 23 Feb (KAM); 40, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DK). **LD**: 4 Apr (30), Carl.C (DK); 2 Apr, Chau (R&SBj); 21 Mar (17), Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW).

Snow Goose

EA: 19 Feb (blue morph), Decatur (TAM); 22 Feb, Lakewood FP (Lake Co) (SB); 27 Feb (300), Diona (Cumberland/Coles Cos) (EW:ph). **MC**: 10,000, Sangamon Co, 22 Feb (KAM); 10,000, Carl.C/F, 28 Feb (KAM). **LD**: 22 May (15+), Carl.F (TAM, DK); 21 May, Stephenson Co (DFS); 2 Apr, Chau (R&SBj).

The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA	= earliest arrival(s)	ArgnLab	= Argonne National Laboratory Reservation (Du Page Co)
MC	= maximum count(s)	Carl.B/C/F	= Carlyle Lake (Bond/Clinton/Fayette Co)
LD	= latest departure(s)	Carl.L	= Carlyle Lake (county unspecified)
SBC	= Spring Bird Count (8 May 2004)	Chau	= Chautauqua NWR (Mason Co)
		Chi	= Chicago (Cook Co)
ad.	= adult(s)	ChiBotGdn	= Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co)
imm.	= immature(s)	Chinquapin Psv	= Chinquapin Bluffs Nature Preserve (Woodford Co)
1st yr/2nd yr	= first year plumage/ second year plumage (similarly, 1st summer, etc.)	CrabOr.	= Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co)
		Cyp.Crk	= Cypress Creek NWR (Ducks Unlimited, Bellrose Unit) (Pulaski Co)
		(L) Decatur	= (Lake) Decatur (Macon Co)
*	= documented record	Elscn's Hill	= Elscn's Hill, West Du Page Woods (Du Page Co)
ph	= photographed	Evanston	= Evanston (Cook Co)
m.ob.	= many observers	Fishhk	= Fishhook WMA (Moultrie Co)
Co(s)	= County (Counties)	Ft Massac	= Fort Massac SP (Massac Co)
FP	= Forest Preserve	Goose L Pr.	= Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
FWA	= Fish & Wildlife Area	GrantP	= Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
IL	= Illinois	Hennepin L	= Hennepin-Hopper Lake (Putnam Co)
L	= Lake	Heron Pond	= Heron Pond-Little Black Slough Natural Area (Johnson Co)
L&D	= Lock & Dam	HL	= Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)
M	= Marsh	IBSP	= Illinois Beach SP (Lake Co)
NPsv	= Nature Preserve	JP	= Jackson Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
P	= Park	L Shel.	= Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie Co)
R	= River	LCal	= Lake Calumet area (s. Cook Co)
SP	= State Park	Linc.P	= Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Twp	= Township	Lost Mound	= Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess/Carroll Cos)
Wds	= Woods	M.Arb.	= Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co)
		Mermet L	= Mermet Lake (Massac Co)
		Montrose H	= Montrose Harbor, Chicago (Cook Co)
		Nelson M	= Nelson Lake Marsh (Kane Co)
		Palos	= Palos area forest preserves (sw. Cook Co)
		Pecatonica	= Pecatonica (Winnebago Co)
		Pr.Rdg	= Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co unless specified)
		Rainbow Beach	= Rainbow Beach, Chicago (Cook Co)
		Ramsey L	= Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co)
		Rend L	= Rend Lake (Franklin/Jefferson Cos)
		Rock Cut	= Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co)
		Rockfd	= Rockford (Winnebago Co)
		Salt Crk Wds	= Salt Creek Woods Nature Preserve (w. Cook Co)
		Waterfall Glen	= Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co)

Transparent directionals:
(n. = north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.)
are used where applicable.

Headings for species requiring IORC review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are **underlined**, while those for species requiring review of all records are **CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED**. Those not yet voted on by IORC are enclosed in brackets in the main body of the report. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are **underlined and boldfaced**, and some further editorial remarks are **boldfaced**.

Where dates of occurrence within a given subsection of Illinois are identical, arrival dates are arranged north to south within that subsection, and departures are arranged south to north. Identical maximum counts are sequenced by date, and secondarily north to south.

The 1996 DeLorme *Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer* has been used as a standard for spelling of most place names. Remarks on the historical significance of records are informed almost entirely by Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois* and the seasonal summaries in the subsequently published Illinois journals.

Ross's Goose

EA: 6 Mar (2), Carl.F (TAM, DK). **LD**: 26 Mar (2), Mattoon (Coles Co) (TAM); 16 Mar, HL (FH). No other reports.

Canada Goose

EA: 29 Feb (202 migrants), JP (PC). **MC**: 2000, Chau, 23 Feb (KAM); 80, Carl.F, 6 Mar (DK, TAM). **LD**: 1 Apr (92), CrabOr. (KAM). Very few reports.

Mute Swan

EA: 23 Feb, JP (SC); 1 Mar (2 adults), L Decatur (KM); 3 Mar, 111th St. quarry (sw. Cook Co) (WS). **MC**: 34 (plus 22 chicks), LCal, 31 May (DFS); 32 (2 on nests), Banner M (Peoria Co), 22 Mar (AA); 30 (3 on nests), Redwing Slough FP (Lake Co), 3 May (SB). **LD**: 20 Apr, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (UG).

Tundra Swan

EA: 1 Mar (2), Mississippi R (Whiteside Co) (JC); 6 Mar, Port Byron (Rock Island Co) (EW); 20 Mar (3), McKee M (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC**: **94**, Chau, 26 Mar (R&SBj)—record high for weekly census route 1996-2004 (R&SBj); 22, near Buffalo (Sangamon Co), 18 Mar (TAM); 5, Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co), 13 Apr (AB).

Wood Duck

EA: 19 Feb, L Decatur (TAM); 28 Feb (male), JP (KC); 11 Mar, McGinnis Slough, Palos (WS); 13 Mar, Nelson M (ES). **MC**: 91, Chau, 23 Apr (R&SBj); 80, L Shel., 2 Mar (TAM); 31, Pecatonica, 17 Apr (DTW); 14, Pulaski Co, 17 Apr (KAM).

Gadwall

EA: 29 Feb (2), Belvidere (Boone Co) (DTW); 6 Mar (20), Nelson M (ES); 11 Mar (2), Mermet L (KAM). **MC**: **3408**, Chau, 16 Apr (R&SBj)—**record spring high** excluding aerial surveys; **1640**, Hennepin L, 12 Mar (DFS); 500, HL, 11 Apr (DK); 415, CrabOr., 15 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 31 May, LCal (DFS); 28 May (2), Carl.C (DK).

American Wigeon

EA: 3 Mar (12), Pulaski Co (KAM); 7 Mar (2), Blackwell FP (Du Page Co) (ES, GW); 10 Mar (4), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: **1500**, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 116, Chau, 5 Mar (R&SBj); 100, Carl.C, 12 Apr (DK). **LD**: 16 May (2), Carl.C (DK, IOS); 9 May, Hennepin L (UG).

American Black Duck

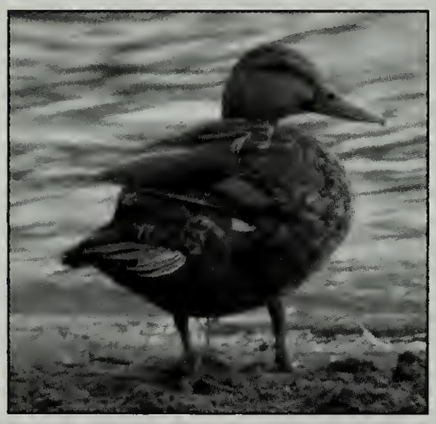
EA: 7 Mar (17), Blackwell FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 27 Mar (2), Shelbyville FWA (Moultrie Co) (TAM). **MC**: 32, McKee M (Du Page Co), 7 Mar (GW); 15, Chau, 23 Feb (KAM); 4, Carl.F, 6 Mar (DK, TAM). **LD**: 18 May (male paired with female Mallard), GrantP (DFS); 16 May, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co) (DTW); 28 Feb (2), Rend L (Jefferson Co) (KAM).

Mallard

MC: 12,254, Chau, 12 Mar (R&SBj); 10,000, Carl.F, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); 1615, Hennepin L, 12 Mar (DFS).

[MOTTLED DUCK

EA: 21 May into summer, Sangamon Co—first Illinois documentation.] See article and photos in this issue.



Mottled Duck (see article in this issue, yet to be voted on by IORC) at Lake Springfield, Sangamon County. 27 May 2004. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

Blue-winged Teal

EA: 28 Feb, Mermet L (TAM); 6 Mar (4), Carl.F (TAM, DK); 12 Mar, Kane Co (ES); 14 Mar (4), Palos (GW); 25 Mar (3), L Decatur (TAM). **MC**: 518, Chau, 16 Apr (R&SBj); 400, Carl.C, 27 Mar (DK); 250, Hennepin L, 24 Apr (JC). **LD**: 23 May, Montrose H (KAM, RH); 16 May (4), Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Northern Shoveler

EA: 3 Mar (12), CrabOr. (KAM); 5 Mar (3 males), JP (PC, SC); 6 Mar (2), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (AB);. **MC**: **15,000**, Carl.F, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); **8633**, Chau, 26 Mar (R&SBj)—**both record high counts** (excluding aerial survey data), with previous maxima at about 6800 birds in spring and fall; 1670, HL, 29 Mar (KAM); 1500, Hennepin L, 6 Apr (DFS); 700, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 26 Mar (JC). **LD**: 3 Jun (2 males), Hennepin L (DFS); 31 May (pair), Fishhk (TAM); 28 May (male), Vandalia Twp (Fayette Co) (DK).

Northern Pintail

EA: 22 Feb (pair), JP (SC); 3 Mar (25), Pulaski Co (KAM); 6 Mar (8), Nelson M (ES). **MC**: **7120**, Hennepin L, 12 Mar (DFS)—**record spring count** excluding aerial surveys; **3000**, Carl.F, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); 1500, Chau, 23 Feb (KAM). **LD**: 3 Jun (male), Hennepin L (DFS); 25 Apr (6), Carl.C (DK); 20 Mar (2), Pulaski Co (KAM).

Green-winged Teal

EA: 24 Feb (2 pairs), South Shore SP, Carl.C (TAM); 5 Mar (pair), JP (SC); 6 Mar (8), Nelson M (ES). **MC**: **6000**, Carl.C, 4 Apr (DK); 1345, Chau, 26 Mar (R&SBj); 420, Hennepin L, 12 Mar (DFS). **LD**: 19 May (2), Montrose H (GW); 19 May (male), Hennepin L (DFS); 28 Apr (20), Cyp.Crk (KAM); 25 Apr (20), Carl.C (DK).

Canvasback

EA: 9 Feb (50), Madison Co (KAM); 12 Mar (275), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (AB); 12 Mar (5), Nelson M (ES). **MC**: **8000**, L&D#18-#20 (Henderson, Hancock, Adams Cos), 20 Mar (EW); 3500, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 1 Mar (JC); 820, Hennepin L, 12 Mar (DFS); 300, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DK). **LD**: 16 May (4), Hennepin L (GW); 16 May (male), Palos (WS); 8 May, near Lake in the Hills Airport (McHenry Co) (*VB, KL); 1 Apr, HL (FH).

Redhead

EA: 20 Feb (40), HL (KAM); 22 Feb (10), Evanston (EW); 12 Mar (70), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (AB). **MC**: 400, Carl.F, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); 190, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 100, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 1 Mar (JC); 70, Candlewick L (Boone Co), 12 Mar (AB); 22, Chau, 19 Mar (R&SBj). **LD**: 19 May (male), Hennepin L (DFS); 7 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM); 7 Apr, ea. Knox Co (PR).

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 2 Mar (male), JP (PC, SC); 3 Mar (375), McGinnis Slough, Palos (WS); 3 Mar (25), CrabOr. (KAM). **MC**: **4000**, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 17 Mar (JC); 2500+, Hennepin L, 21 Mar (AA); 1000, HL, 16 Mar (KAM); 800, Carl.F, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); 269, Chau, 5 Mar (R&SBj). **LD**: 20 May, Hennepin L (KAM); 16 May (4 males), O'Fallon sewage ponds (St. Clair Co) (SB); 8 May, Knox Co (PR, AR).

TUFTED DUCK

15-19 Mar (female), L. Springfield & Buffalo Sewage Ponds (Sangamon Co.) (HDB, m.ob). See article and photos in this issue.

Greater Scaup

EA: 12 Mar (3), Nelson M (ES); 27 Mar, Paul Douglas FP, Palatine Twp (Cook Co) (GW); 27 Mar, Montrose H (GW)—**the only datum received from L Michigan**! **MC**: 11, Rock Cut, 14 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 9 Apr, Madison Co (FH); 4 Apr (2), CrabOr. (KAM); 20 Mar (2), Bruce WMA (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 16 Mar (2), L Decatur (TAM). **Remarks**: An extremely poor spring. None at traditional rafting site at JP for the first time in living memory (PC).

Lesser Scaup

EA: 25 Feb (50), JP (KC); 3 Mar (180), CrabOr. (KAM); 10 Mar (23), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: **10,000**, Mississippi R from Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co) to L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) and L&D#14 (Rock Island Co), 17 Mar (JC); 1883, Chau, 12 Mar (R&SBj); 1800, Hennepin L, 12 Mar (DFS); 400, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 14 Mar (DK); 400, Rend L, 20 Mar (KAM). **LD**: 3 Jun (male), Hennepin L (DFS); 8 May, HL (FH); 5 May, CrabOr. (KAM, MkS, RH). **Other**: 31 May (male), Eagle P M (Madison Co) (DK).

Harlequin Duck

EA: 3 Mar-13 Apr (adult male), JP (PC, SC). [**Other** (extralimital): 3 Mar-12 Apr (female), **Rock Island Co**.]

Surf Scoter

EA: 13 Mar (3), IBSP (DTW); 29 Mar-11 Apr, West Branch FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 7 Apr (pair), Spoon L (Knox Co) (PR et al.). **LD**: **4 Jun** (female), Rainbow Beach (DFS)—**record late date**; 9 May (perhaps same as previous), South Shore Cultural Center, Chi (CM); 25 Apr (adult female), Arcola M (Douglas Co) (RJ).

White-winged Scoter

EA: 10 & 12 Mar (2), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SFd). **LD**: 21 Mar, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SFd).

Black Scoter

EA: 7-29 Mar (1st winter male), East Fork L (**Richland Co**) (LH).

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 25 Feb, L Decatur (MD, TAM); 3 Mar (6), JP (PC et al.). **LD**: 1-19 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM); 16 Mar (female), L Decatur (TAM); 12 Mar (male), Hennepin L (DFS). No other reports.

Bufflehead

EA: 29 Feb (25), JP (PC); 3 Mar (4), CrabOr. (KAM); 6 Mar, West Branch FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 12 Mar (18), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (AB). **MC**: 189, Chau, 19 Mar (R&SBj); 155, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 135, Palos, 13 Apr (WS); 41, HL, 18 Mar (JZ). **LD**: through end of season (male), Eggers Wds FP, Chi (WM); 19 May (pair), Hennepin L (DFS); 14 May (female), JP (PC, SC); 21 Apr (2), Cyp.Crk (KAM); 12 Apr (3), Litchfield barrow pit (Montgomery Co) (RJ).

Common Goldeneye

EA: 29 Feb (100+), JP (PC); 12 Apr (4), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (AB). **MC**: 950, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 4 Mar (JC); 19, Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 5 Mar (R&SBj). **LD**: 15 Apr (female), JP (KC, SC); 11 Apr, HL (DK); 7 Apr, CrabOr. (KAM).

Wild Turkey flock near southeast JoDaviess County. 6 March 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.

Hooded Merganser

EA: 2 Mar (2 males), JP (SC); 12 Mar (6), Nelson M (ES); 22 Mar (7), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (AB). **MC**: 13, Chau, 12 Mar (R&SBj); 12, CrabOr., 3 Mar (KAM); 12, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington (Cook Co), 27 Mar (GW); 12, Palos West Elementary School slough, Palos, 3 Apr (WS). **LD**: 28 May (2 females), HL (FH); 18 May (female), JP (SC); 2 May, Carl.C (DK).

Common Merganser

EA: 20 Jan (442), Rainbow Beach & JP (SC); 6 Apr (23), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (AB). **MC**: 442, as above; 400, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 1 Mar (JC); 350+, McGinnis Slough, Palos, 3 Mar (WS); 80, CrabOr., 28 Feb (KAM); 31, Marshall State FWA (Peoria Co), 21 Mar (AA). **LD**: 15 May (female), McGinnis Slough, Palos (WS, KW); 2 May, HL (FH). **Others**: 3 Jun (male, possibly summering, present at least three weeks), Widewaters of the Des Plaines R (Will Co) (DFS).

Red-breasted Merganser

EA: 28 Feb (20), CrabOr. (KAM); 29 Feb (138), JP (PC). **MC**: 707, JP, 14 Apr (PC); 590, Palos, 21 Mar (DFS); 102, Chau, 19 Mar (R&SBj)—record high for weekly census route 1996-2004 (R&SBj); 30, Carl.C, 27 Mar (DK); 20, CrabOr., 28 Feb (KAM). **LD**: 29 May (3 females), Rainbow Beach (DFS); 9 May, Carl.F (DK, MkS); 2 May (2), CrabOr. (KAM).

Ruddy Duck

Flock of American White Pelicans at Sanganois Conservation Area, Mason County. 19 March 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.

EA: 19 Feb (female), L Decatur (TAM); 22 Feb (male), JP (SC); 3 Mar (30), CrabOr. (KAM). **MC**: **10,166**, Chau & Clear L (Mason Co), 26 Mar (R&SBj)—**second highest IL count** (after a count of 20,000 at Chau on 16 Apr 1964); 2100, HL, 29 Mar (KAM); 1130, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS). **LD**: 30 May (9), HL (FH); 22 May (2), Paul Douglas FP, Palatine Twp (Cook Co) (KAM); 21 May, Spoon L (Knox Co) (EW:ph).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 18, Ford Co, 15 May (DFS); 15, DeKalb Co, 28 Mar (DFS); 9, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 2, Seminary Twp (Fayette Co), 16 May & 22 May (DK).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 18 (males), Pr.Rdg (Marion Co), 10 Apr (MAH); 17 (9 males, 8 females), Pr.Rdg, 4 Apr (MAH).

Wild Turkey

MC: 57 (two flocks in corn fields), se. Jo Daviess Co, 6 Mar (EW:ph); 50, Jefferson Co, 25 Mar (KAM); 40, Chinquapin Psv, 13 Mar (MF); 22, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co), 8 May (CA).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 35, Union Co, 8 May (SB, AS); 17, Karl Bartel Sanctuary (Marion Co), 10 Apr (MAH); 12, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 8, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 24 Apr (DFS). No reports from n. IL. **Remarks**: Best numbers in several years at McDonough and Fulton Cos (LLH).

Pacific Loon

EA: 18 Apr, Union Co (KAM)—only the second spring-season record for IL.

Common Loon

EA: 11 Mar (3), Rend L (KAM); 16 Mar, L Decatur (TAM); 24 Mar, Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co) (SB); 27 Mar (3), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 30 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 11, L Decatur, 25 Mar (TAM); 7, L Shel., 27 Mar (TAM); 6, CrabOr., 9 Apr (KAM); 3, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co), 27 Mar (DJS). **LD**: **5 Jun**, L Springfield (Sangamon Co) (GW); **2 Jun** (breeding plumage), GrantP (DFS); 21 May, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EW:ph); 5 May, CrabOr. (KAM, MkS, RH).

Pied-billed Grebe

EA: 28 Feb (3), Mermet L (TAM, KAM); 1 Mar, Wolf L, LCal (CM); 6 Mar, Montrose H (UG); 8 Mar, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (ES). **MC**: 62, Hennepin L, 30 Apr (DFS); 55, McGinnis Slough, Palos, 13 Apr (WS); 25, Mermet L, 7 Apr (KAM); 20, Chau, 23 Apr (R&SBj). **LD**: 23 May, JP (PC); 8 May (2), Carl.C (DK).

Horned Grebe at Saganashkee Slough, Cook County. 27 March 2004. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

Horned Grebe

EA: 2 Mar, L Shel. (TAM); 6 Mar, Moline (Rock Island Co) (EW); 11 Mar, Mermet L (KAM); 14 Mar (3), JP (PC). **MC**: 31, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 2 Apr (EW); 10, L Decatur, 16 Mar (TAM); 9, Rend L, 20 Mar (KAM); 5, JP, 24 Mar (PC, SC); 5, Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co), 24 Mar (SB). **LD**: **4 Jun** (non-breeding plumage), Rainbow Beach (DFS); 16 Apr, JP (SC); 4 Apr (2), Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM).

Red-necked Grebe

EA: 1-2 Apr (adult), Busse Wds FP, Elk Grove Village (Cook Co) (AA, Robert E. Fisher, Karen Fisher). **LD**: 18 Apr, Carson Slough (Kane Co) (ES).

Eared Grebe

EA: 24 Mar, JP (SC); 1 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM); 7-11 Apr (near-breeding plumage), Tuscola (Douglas Co) (SB). **LD**: 19 May, Hennepin L (DFS); 16 May, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co) (DTW); 5 May, Mermet L (KAM, MkS, RH).

Western Grebe

LD: 8 May, Boone Co (*AB).

American White Pelican

EA: 28 Feb, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM, TAM); 2 Mar (13), L Shel. (TAM); 6 Mar (20), Albany (Whiteside Co) (EW). **MC**: 1750+, Lacon (Marshall Co), 21 Mar (AA); 650, Illinois R (Will & Grundy Cos), 28 Mar (DFS); 611, Chau, 16 Apr (R&SBj); 600, Mel Price L&D, Madison Co, 30 Mar (FH). **LD**: into Jun (3), LCal (WM); 3 Jun (15), Hennepin L (DFS); 16 May (6), Fishhk (TAM); 15 May (6), Carl.F (UG, TAM). A remarkable amount of data submitted as this species continues its expansion in IL.

Double-crested Cormorant

EA: 3 Mar (6), Rend L (KAM); 17 Mar, Charleston Reservoir (Coles Co) (RB); 20 Mar (30), LCal (SC). **MC**: **20,000**, Rend L, 12 Apr (KAM)—**record IL high count**, exceeding by 3000 birds the record set at this site last spring; 1077, Chau, 16 Apr (R&SBj); 706, JP, 8 May (PC, SC); 700, Carl.C, 17 Apr (DK).

American Bittern

EA: 26 Mar, Pr.Rdg (MAH); 6 Apr, Decatur (TAM, MD); 17 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW); 18 Apr, Lockport Prairie (Will Co) (CA). **MC**: **15**, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 24 Apr (TAM, SB et al.)—**IL high count**, with all previous highs (7-10 birds) also from Jackson Co; 2, Decatur, 10 Apr & 21 Apr (TAM, DK, MD); 2, Burnham Prairie, Burnham (s. Cook Co), 25 Apr (WM, CT, m.ob.); 2, GrantP, 6 May (DEW). **LD**: 20 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 19 May, Montrose H (GW); 19 May, Goose L Pr. (JC); 15 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Least Bittern

EA: 15 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 24 Apr, Jackson Co (SB et al.); 19 May, Hennepin L (DFS); 20 May (female), Decatur (TAM). **LD**: 29 May (female), Carl.C (DK); 23 May, ChiBotGdn (JK). Singles only.

Great Blue Heron

EA: 3 Mar, McGinnis Slough, Palos (WS); 7 Mar (3), Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (ES). **MC**: 130, Will Co, 27 Mar (DFS); 127, Clear L (Mason Co), 16 Apr (R&SBj); 75, Carl.C, 4 Apr (DK).

Mississippi Kite at Thebes, Alexander County. 9 May 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.

Great Egret

EA: 14 Mar, HL (FH); 27 Mar, LCal (WM, JA); 1 Apr (3), Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (TAM). **MC**: 170, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 8 May (GW); 166, Chau, 28 May (R&SBj); 85, LCal, 19 Apr (WM); 71, Cyp.Crk, 11 May (KAM). **LD**: 2 Jun, Linc.P (GW); 15 May (2), JP (SC).

Snowy Egret

EA: **30 Mar**, HL (FH); 7 Apr (6), Cyp.Crk (KAM); 11 Apr, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (DK). **MC**: **35**, St. Clair Co, 2 May (FH); 20, Cyp.Crk, 5 May (KAM); 6 (breeding plumage), Chau, 21 May & 28 May (R&SBj). **LD**: 16 May, LCal (WM); 15 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Little Blue Heron

EA: 28 Mar (adult), Sanchris L (Sangamon Co) (RJ); 28 Mar, HL (FH); 28 Mar (13), Sauget (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 19 Apr, LCal (WM); 21 May (2, breeding plumage), Chau (R&SBj); 24 May (adult), Decatur (TAM). **MC**: 55, Cyp.Crk, 28 Apr (KAM); 47, Sauget (St. Clair Co), 29 Mar (KAM); 5 (breeding plumage), Chau, 28 May (R&SBj); 4 (adults), LCal, 8 & 16 May (WM). **LD**: 2 May, Carl.C (DK).

Tricolored Heron

EA: 23 May, ChiBotGdn (JK, m.ob.).

Cattle Egret

EA: 30 Mar, HL (FH); 30 Mar (7), St. Clair Co (KAM); 17 Apr, Carson Slough (Kane Co) (ES); 19 Apr, JP (SC); 29 Apr (6), Decatur (TAM). **MC**: 34, Ullin (Alexander Co), 27 May (SB); 32, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co), 11 Apr (DK); 32, St. Clair Co, 10 May (KAM); 6, Decatur, 29 Apr (TAM). **LD**: 30-31 May, LCal (WM); 23 May, JP (SC).

Green Heron

EA: 18 Apr (2), JP (SF, PC); 18 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 21 Apr (4), Fishhk (TAM, MD). **MC**: 8, Montrose H, 29 Apr (GW); 7, Chau, 28 May (R&SBj); 5, Johnson Co, 24 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 1 Jun (2), GrantP (DEW); 29 May, Evanston (EW).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 27 Mar (adult), JP (SC); 28 Mar (8), East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 17 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW). **MC**: 431 (in evening dispersal), LCal, 8 May (WM, MB); 55, JP, 8 May (PC, SC); 8, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 28 Mar (KAM). **LD**: 14 May, Patterson Twp (Greene Co) (UG).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: **24 Mar**, near Granite City (Madison Co) (FH); 28 Mar, Sauget (St. Clair Co) (KAM). **MC**: 4, Sauget (St. Clair Co), 31 May (DK); 2, Bureau Co, 10 May (DJS et al.)—the only report outside s. IL.

White-faced Ibis

EA: 8 May (3) through end of season, Hennepin L (*TS, *UG, m.ob.). **MC**: **8** (flock), Arcola (Douglas Co), 6 May (EW:ph)—**ties for IL high count**.

White-faced Ibis at Arcola Marsh, Douglas County at sunset. 6 May 2004. This flock of eight birds ties the record high count for Illinois. Photo by Eric Walters.

White-faced Ibis at Hennepin Lake, Putnam County. 13 May 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.

Black Vulture

EA: 3 Mar (2), CrabOr. (KAM). **MC**: 16, Johnson Co, 15 Apr (KAM); 13 (roost), nw. Massac Co, 9 May (EW:ph); 12, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR, RM).

Turkey Vulture

EA: 19 Feb, Decatur (TAM); 25 Feb, Champaign (Champaign Co) (SB); 6 Mar, Rockfd (DTW); 6 Mar, Palos (UG). **MC**: 69 (going to evening roost), L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 2 Apr (EW); 67 (roost), Johnson-Sauk Trail (Henry Co), 23 Mar (JC); 50, Carl.C, 3 Apr (DK); 35, Gorham Fish Farms (Jackson Co), 29 May (DK). **LD**: 7 May, M.Arb. (MBC); 29 Apr (5), Northbrook (Cook Co) (EW).

Osprey

EA: 27 Mar, West Okaw R (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 29 Mar, Burnham (2 at nest), LCal (CM); 29 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH). **MC**: 3, Mermet L, 12 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 8 May, ChiBotGdn (AA, m.ob.); 2 May, Quincy L&D (Adams Co) (AD).

Mississippi Kite

EA: 23 Apr (5), Thebes (Alexander Co) (TAM et al.). **MC**: 18, s. IL (Jackson, Union, Alexander, Pulaski Cos), 9 May (EW); **12**, Glade R Access (Jersey Co), 14 May (UG). **LD**: 8 May, Carl.C (DK, MkS). [**Other** (extralimital): 10 May, **Du Page Co**.]

Bald Eagle

EA: 11 Mar (adult), East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH); 24 Mar (imm.), Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co) (SB). **MC**: 15, Albany (Whiteside Co), 6 Mar (EW); 12, Lost Mound, 6 Mar (EW); 6 (adults), Chau, 12 Mar (R&SBj); 6 (adults), Marshall State FWA (Peoria Co) (AA); 6 (4 adults, 2 immatures), Union Co, 1 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 2 May (adult), Quincy L&D (Adams Co) (AD). **Remarks**: None at HL, where nested 2002-2003 (JZ).

Northern Harrier

EA: 29 Mar, Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM); 6 Apr, Montrose H (GW). **MC**: 10, Pr.Rdg, 30 Mar (KAM, CL); 6, Carl.C, 3 Apr (DK); 4, Champaign & Vermilion Cos (4 sites), 28 Mar (SB); 3, Hennepin L, 30 Apr (DFS). **LD**: 22 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS); 15 May, Levee Road (Monroe Co) (JZ); 15 May (female), Ford Co (DFS).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

EA: 26 Feb, Riverwoods (Lake Co) (EW); 28 Feb (adult female migrating north), Snider (Vermilion Co) (EW); 27 Mar, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 4, Winnebago Co, 13 Mar (DFS). **LD**: 22 May, Kane Co (KAM); 2 May, Carl.C (DK); 21 Apr, Moultrie Co (TAM, MD).

Cooper's Hawk

EA: 26 Feb, Des Plaines (Cook Co) (EW). **MC**: 4, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DK, TAM); 4 (2 pairs competing for the same territory), Pecatonica, 4 Apr (DTW). **LD**: 16 Apr, Chau (R&SBj); 7 Apr (immature), JP (PC).

Northern Goshawk

EA: 28 Mar, Carl.C (DK)—the only report.

Red-shouldered Hawk

EA: 21 Mar, Pecatonica (DTW); 21 Mar, Bergman Slough, Palos (DFS); 27 Mar, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 5, Venedy (Washington Co), 20 May (SB); 4, Massac Co, 28 Mar (KAM); 2, Palos, 22 Mar (WS); 2, Siloam Springs SP (Adams/Brown Cos), 28 May (ES). **LD**: 2 May (2), Carl.C (DK); 16 Apr, Elsen's Hill (ES).

Broad-winged Hawk

EA: 7 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM); 16 Apr (4 kettling), Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (RJ); 16 Apr, Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 17 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP, River Forest (Cook Co) (WM, JA). **MC**: 10, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 13 Apr (TVL); 9, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co), 8 May (CA); 7 (kettling), McGinnis Slough, Palos, 17 Apr (WS); 3, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR). **LD**: 8 May, Burnham Prairie, Burnham (s. Cook Co) (WM); 26 Apr (adult), JP (PC).

Swainson's Hawk

One report from traditional range: 22 May, Huntley (Kane Co) (KAM).

Red-tailed Hawk

EA: 14 Mar (adult), JP (PC); 28 Mar (several), ArgnLab (UG). **MC**: 23 (kettling together), Sanganois CA (Cass Co), 19 Mar (EW); 20, Winnebago Co, 13 Mar (DFS); 17 (immatures), LCal, 10 Apr (AA, SP); 12, Carl.C, 14-28 Mar (DK et al.). **LD**: 4 May, JP (SC). **Others**: **Harlan's Hawk**: 4 Apr, Pecatonica Wetlands FP (DTW); **Krider's Hawk**: 20 Mar, Pulaski Co (KAM); 29 Mar (adult), Bois du Sangamon NPsv, Decatur (TAM); 1 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); **Dark morph**: 1 Mar, Collinsville Road (St. Clair Co) (JZ); 28 Mar, ArgnLab (UG).

Rough-legged Hawk

EA: 28 Feb (intermediate morph, migrating north), Snider (Vermilion Co) (EW); 18 Mar, Douglas Co (ES). **MC**: 3, LCal, 10 Apr (WM, JA); 2, Bergman Slough, Palos, 21 Mar (DFS). **LD**: 8 May, LCal (*WM); 10 Apr (dark morph immature), LCal (AA, SP); 7 Apr, near Tuscola (Douglas Co) (SB); 3 Apr (2, light morph; present since at least 24 Feb), near Vera (Fayette Co) (TAM, MD).

American Kestrel

EA: 20 Mar (male with prey of Dark-eyed Junco), Poplar Grove (Boone Co) (AB); 25 Mar (female), JP (PC); 26 Mar, Chau (R&SBj). **MC**: 6, Carl.C, various dates 14 Mar - 9 Apr (DK); 6, w. Winnebago Co, 4 Apr (DTW); 4, Logan Co, 12 Mar (KAM); season total of 14 adults (7 pairs) plus 14 young (from 4 successful nestings), Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TUM). **LD**: 2 Apr, Chau (R&SBj).

Merlin

EA: 8 Mar, Palos (WS); 13 Mar, Kane Co (ES). **LD**: 11 May, McCormick Place, Chi (DFS); 8 May, Edwards Co (LH, BS); 7 May, Knox Co (AR). Seven additional reports of singles.

Peregrine Falcon

EA: 25 Mar, JP (PC); 18 Apr, Carl.F (TAM, DK); 24 Apr, LCal (WM). **MC**: 3 (including 2 resident *anatum*), JP, 25 Mar (PC); 2, Cyp.Crk, 19 Apr (KAM); 2, Carl.F, 25 Apr (DK). **LD**: 16 May, LCal (WM). A few additional reports submitted as migrants, but none explicitly of the expected migratory race *tundrius*. Several further explicitly assigned to the largely resident, reintroduced race *anatum* (including records from Stephenson, Winnebago, Cook, and Fayette Cos) or inexplicit regarding race or migrant status. **Note**: It has come to our attention that the reintroduced population in the Midwest includes a pool of subspecies (including a small percentage of the Eurasian races *peregrinus* and *brookei*, plus a more significant percentage of the Pacific northwestern form *pealei*), although the majority subspecies remains *anatum*. These introduced forms are all superficially similar, dark-headed, "*anatum*-like" races, unlike the "mustached," race *tundrius* (which occurs in Illinois as a migrant, mostly March through mid-May and mid-August through October, with a thin wintering population), with the caveat that the reintroduced population also includes a small (less than 5%) stock of *tundrius*.

Yellow Rail

EA: 10 Apr, Clinton L (DeWitt Co) (TAM, DTW, SB, JC, UG, IOS); 17 Apr (found dead), McCormick Place, Chi (DEW; specimen to Field Museum of Natural History, Chi). No other reports.

King Rail

EA: 17 Apr, Cyp.Crk (KAM); 8 May (2), w. of Rockton (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 8 May, Pecatonica (DTW). **MC**: 3, Winnebago Co, 8 May (DTW). **LD**: 13 May, Montrose H (SM). **Others**: 10-22 May (possible pair), Hurricane Creek (Bond Co) (EW, TAM, DK).

Virginia Rail

EA: 6 Apr, Lyman Wds (Du Page Co) (JC); 7 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM); 10 Apr, Decatur (TAM, DK, MD); 11 Apr, Arcola M (Douglas Co) (SB); 17 Apr, McCormick Place, Chi (GW). **MC**: 6, Broberg M (Lake Co), 3 May (SB); 4, Pr.Rdg, 28 Apr (LH, BS); 4, LCal, 8 May (WM); 2, Decatur, 21 Apr & 3 May (TAM). **LD**: 20 May, Goose L Pr. (KAM). **Remarks**: Very poor numbers in usual s. IL marshes (KAM).

Sora

EA: 4 Apr, Carl.C (DK); 6 Apr (5), Decatur (TAM); 10 Apr, LCal (AA, SP). **MC**: 25+, Broberg M (Lake Co), 3 May (SB); 25, Arcola M (Douglas Co), 27 Apr (SB); 20+, Redwing Slough FP (Lake Co), 3 May (SB); 13, Pr.Rdg, 28 Apr (LH, BS). **LD**: 25 May, JP (GS, KC); 15 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS); 7 May, Chau (R&SBj).

[Purple Gallinule

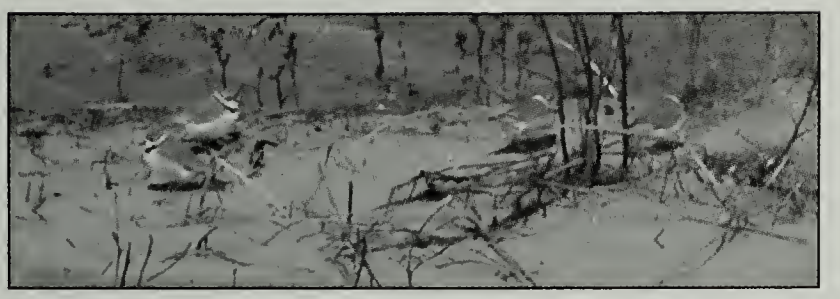
One washed up on beach (heavily decomposed) at JP, 5 Mar (SC)—specimen to Field Museum of Natural History, Chi. Due to the condition of the specimen, it is likely to be preserved as a skeleton only and might not undergo IORC review.]

Common Moorhen

EA: 19 Apr (2), LCal (WM); 30 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS); 3 May, Broberg M FP (Lake Co) (SB). **MC**: 2, LCal, as above; 2, Hennepin L, 18 May (DFS). **LD**: 29 May, LCal (WM); 23 May, HL (FH)—the only report outside n. IL. **Remarks**: Very scarce again at LCal (WM).

American Coot

EA: 12 Mar (22), Boone Co (AB); 16 Mar, JP (PC). **MC**: **25,060**, nw. IL (Spring L (Carroll Co), L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co)), 26 Mar (JC)—**record spring high count** excluding aerial survey data; **12,450**, Hennepin L, 6 Apr (DFS); **10,484**, Chau, 2 Apr (R&SBj); 2700, HL, 16 Mar (KAM); 800, Carl.C, 4 Apr (DK). **LD**: 22 May, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) (EW); 22 May (16), Paul Douglas FP, Palatine Twp (Cook Co) (KAM); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS); 16 May, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (UG).



Piping Plovers at Montrose Harbor, Cook County. 2 May 2004. Nine Piping Plovers were seen here at one time. Photo by Geoff Williamson.

Whooping Cranes at Saganashkee Slough, Cook County. 27 March 2004. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

Snowy Plover. Bellrose Refuge, Pulaski County. 9 May 2004. Photo by Andrew Spencer.

Sandhill Crane

EA: **7 Feb** (5), Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (Arm, fide SB)—one of only two reports from c. IL; 22 Feb (15 birds in 3 flocks), Stickney Run FP (McHenry Co) (SB); 26 Feb (8), nw. of Rockfd (DTW); 6 Mar, Nelson M (ES). **MC**: **5420** (in 3 hours), Palos, 22 Mar (WS); 1535, Westchester (Cook Co), 19 Mar (DFS); 295, LCal, 27 Mar (WM, JA); 36, Winnebago Co, 17 Apr (DTW). **LD**: 15 May, Orland Grasslands (sw. Cook Co) (WS); 15 May, McDowell Grove FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 25 Apr, Carl.C (DK)—the only report from s. IL; 13 Apr (pair), flooded field in Piatt Co (RJ).

[Whooping Crane

EA: 23 Mar - 1 Apr (6, "...from the Wisconsin Whooping Crane reintroduction"), De Kalb Co. **LD**: 17-18 Apr (2, "...from the 2003 crop of Whooping Cranes from Necedah NWR"), De Kalb Co.; 27 Mar (2), Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co). See photo by JKy.]

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 5 May, Cyp.Crk (KAM, MkS, RH); 9 May, Rockfd airport quarry (DTW); 9 May, Hennepin L (UG); 11 May, JP (PC, KC); 17 May (2, breeding plumage), Rantoul (Champaign Co) (SB); 18 May, Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM). **MC**: 12, Montrose H, 21 May (KAM); 9, Carl.F, 8 May (TAM, MD); 2, Rantoul (Champaign Co), 17 May (SB). **LD**: 26 May, LCal (WM); 22 May, Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM).

American Golden-Plover

EA: 21 Mar (65), Pr.Rdg (Marion Co) (TAM, DK); 27 Mar, near Arthur (Moultrie Co) (TAM). **MC**: 5500, Effingham & Marion Cos, 10 Apr (MAH); 3000, Carl.C, 17 Apr (DK); 2100, Pr.Rdg (Marion Co), 10 Apr (MAH); 700, near Arcola (Douglas Co), 11 Apr (SB); 580, n. Ford Co, 15 May (DFS). **LD**: 22 May, Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM); 22 May, near Moweaqua (Christian Co) (TAM); 20 May, Kane Co (KAM)—the only datum received from n. IL; 9 May (5), Bellrose Refuge (Pulaski Co) (SB, AS).

[Snowy Plover

EA: 3 May, Cook Co; 7-9 May, Pulaski County.] See photo by AS.

Semipalmated Plover

EA: **9 Apr** (2), Carl.F (DK)—ties with 1994 for **record early arrival**; 28 Apr, JP (PC); 29 Apr (57), Fishhk (TAM). **MC**: **232**, Carl.F, 8 May (TAM, MD); 125+, Bellrose Refuge (Pulaski Co), 9 May (SB, AS); 57, Fishhk, 29 Apr (TAM); 7, Blackwell FP (Du Page Co), 10 May (ES). **LD**: 10 Jun (2), Waukegan (Lake Co) (EW); 7 Jun (6), LCal (WM); 22 May, Carl.F (DK, TAM); 18 May (3), Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM).

Piping Plover

EA/MC: **9**, Montrose H, 2 May (GW, CA)—**record high count** since extirpation as breeding species. **LD**: 13 May, Montrose II (SM); 3 May, Montrose H (GW, TS). No other reports.

Killdeer

EA: 10 Feb (3), St. Clair Co (KAM); 19 Feb (2), Decatur (TAM); 25 Feb (2), Rockfd (DTW); 29 Feb (6), JP (PC). **MC**: 200, Carl.F, 9 Apr (DK); 76, Moultrie Co, 20 Mar (TAM); 53, Ogle Co, 20 Mar (DFS); 36, JP, 20 Mar (PC). **LD**: 16 May, JP (PC).

Black-necked Stilt

EA: **10 Apr**, Karl Bartel Sanctuary (Marion Co) (MAH)—second earliest IL arrival date; 17-18 Apr (female), Carl.F (DK, TAM); 17 Apr (3), Cyp.Crk (KAM); 29 Apr (pair), Fishhk (TAM); 30 Apr (2), L Shel. (JA, WM); 9 May, Worley L (Tazewell Co) (UG)—the most northerly report of the season. **MC**: **8**, **Chau**, 13 May (R&SBj)—**record high count** outside so. IL; 7, Cyp.Crk, 21 Apr (KAM); 5, Carl.C/F, 8 May (DK et al.). **LD**: through end of season, Chau (R&SBj); 11 May (4), Cyp.Crk (KAM); 10 May (pair), Fishhk (TAM). In addition to above, reports received from Jasper, Richland, Jackson, Williamson, and Union Cos.

Black-necked Stilt at Carlyle Lake, Fayette County. 18 April 2004. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

American Avocet

EA: 25 & 30 Apr (adult), Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co) (DRD); 9 May, Worley L (Tazewell Co) (UG); 11 May (7), East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH, BS). **MC**: 10, Pecatonica, 7 May (DTW); 7, East Fork L (Richland Co), as above. No other reports.

Greater Yellowlegs

EA: 20 Mar (2), Fishhk (TAM); 20 Mar, Pulaski Co (KAM); 21 Mar (4), Tamalco Access, Carl.B (TAM); 28 Mar, Nelson M (UG). **MC**: 40, Cyp.Crk, 17 Apr (KAM); 23, Fishhk, 27 Mar (TAM); 11, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 6, Boone Co, 16 Apr (AB). **LD**: 22 May, Vandalia Bottoms (Fayette Co) (DK); 18 May, Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM). Only two reports from n. IL, as above.

Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 20 Mar, Pulaski Co (KAM); 21 Mar (2), Carl.F (TAM, DK); 21 Mar (5), Tamalco Access, Carl.B (TAM, DK); 31 Mar (4), near Kemp (Douglas Co) (SB); 18 Apr (several), Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co) (UG)—the only report from n. IL. **MC**: 500, Carl.F, 18 Apr (DK, TAM); 307, Pulaski Co, 19 Apr (KAM); 49, Chau, 7 May (R&SBj). **LD**: 18-19 May, Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Sanderling in full breeding plumage, uncommonly seen in this plumage in Illinois, Waukegan Beach, Lake County. 9 June 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 30 Mar, Wabash Co (LH, BS); 7 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 22 Apr (2), ArgnLab (UG); 29 Apr, JP (PC); 7 May, Chau (R&SBj); 7 May (2), Pecatonica (DTW). **MC**: 26, Blackwell FP (Du Page Co), 10 May (ES); 14, CrabOr., 5 May (KAM, MkS, RH); 12, Union Co, 8 May (SB, AS); 3, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH). **LD**: 19 May, Hennepin L (DFS); 15 May, Sauget (St. Clair Co) (KAM et al.). **Corrigendum**: The site for the Maximum Count of 107 on 3 May 2003 should be corrected from "w. of Havana (Mason Co)" to "Fulton Co, w. of Havana".

Willet

EA: 27 Apr (7), near Sigel (Shelby Co) (SB); 27 Apr, Belle Rive (Jefferson Co) (RJ); 2 May (25), GrantP (DFS); 5 May, Cyp.Crk (KAM, MkS, RH). **MC**: 25, GrantP, as above; 12, Carl.F, 8 May (TAM, MD); 7, Shelby Co, as above. **LD**: 31 May (2), Waukegan (Lake Co) (EW:ph, m.ob.).

Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 18 Apr, JP (SF, PC); 24 Apr, Senachwine L (Putnam Co) (UG); 25 Apr, Carl.F (DK); 7 May (5), Pecatonica (DTW). **MC**: 23, Rockfd, 9 May (DTW); 17, Fayette Co, 8 May (TAM, MD); 7, Chau, 7 May (R&SBj). **LD**: 29 May, Evanston (EW).

Upland Sandpiper

EA: 19 Apr, Meigs Field, Chi (DFS); 27 Apr, Campbell Pond (Jackson Co) (SB)—the only reports.

Whimbrel

EA: 22 May, IBSP (KAM)—the only report.

Hudsonian Godwit

EA: 25 Apr, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB, PR, DJM). **MC**: 3, Montrose H, 21 May (GW, KAM et al.). **LD**: 22-23 May (male), Vandalia (Fayette Co) (TAM, DK:ph). No other reports.

Male Hudsonian Godwit at Vandalia, Fayette County. 22 May 2004. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

Marbled Godwit

LD: 15-16 May, Carl.C (DK, UG, IOS)—the only report.

Ruddy Turnstone

EA: 16 May, LCal (CH, WM); 22 May (3), Montrose H (GW); 23 May (3), JP (PC). **MC**: 15, Lake Co, 21 May (KAM); 4, LCal, 26 May (WM). **LD**: 29 May, Rainbow Beach (DFS); 28 May, LCal (WM). Reports confined to northeast.

Sanderling

EA: 3 May (2), Montrose H (GW). **MC**: 22, IBSP, 21 May (KAM). **LD**: 11 Jun (3), Waukegan (Lake Co) (EW:ph); 5 Jun, Evanston (EW); 27 May, JP (KC). Reported only from L Michigan sites.

Semipalmated Sandpiper

EA: **18 Apr**, Carl.F (TAM, DK)—**record early arrival** by three days; 5 May, Cyp.Crk (KAM, MkS, RH); 9 May (several), Worley L (Tazewell Co) (UG); 11 May, JP (PC). **MC**: 74, LCal, 26 May (WM); 45, Montrose H, 18 May (GW); 30+, Glacial P FP (McHenry Co), 31 May (EW); 27, Chau, 7 May (R&SBj); 15, Cyp.Crk, 11 May (KAM, MkS, RH). **LD**: 13 Jun, LCal (WM); 12 Jun (2), w. DeKalb Co (DFS); 3 Jun (10+), Richland Co (LH, BS); 31 May (12), Arcola M (Douglas Co) (TAM); 31 May (5), Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM).

Western Sandpiper

EA: 29 Apr (4), Fishhk (TAM)—the only report.

Least Sandpiper

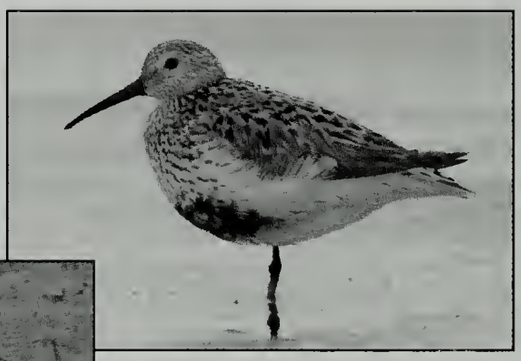
EA: **20 Mar**, Fishhk (TAM); 1 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM); 3 Apr (5), Carl.L (TAM, MD, DK); 4 May (6), Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (UG); 7 May (47), Pecatonica (DTW). **MC**: **800+**, Bellrose Refuge (Pulaski Co), 9 May (SB, AS)—**record spring high count** by 50 birds; 212, Fayette Co, 8 May (TAM, MD); 127, Pecatonica, 8 May (DTW); 24, L Shel., 30 Apr (WM, JA). **LD**: 23 May (5), Montrose H (KAM, UG); 16 May (18), Carl.C (DK, IOS); 8 May (10), Montgomery Co (RJ).

White-rumped Sandpiper

EA: 8 May (2), Carl.C (DK, KAM, RH); 9 May, Worley L (Tazewell Co) (UG); 10 May, Nason, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (LH, BS. **MC**: 20, Cyp.Crk, 11 May (KAM); 12, Carl.C, 16 May (DK, IOS); 8, LCal, 7 Jun (WM). **LD**: 11 Jun (2), Waukegan (Lake Co) (EW); 7 Jun (8), LCal (WM); 3 Jun (5), Richland Co (LH, BS).

Baird's Sandpiper

EA: 17 Apr (2), Two Rivers NWA (Calhoun Co) (WCR); 17 Apr (2), Carl.C (DK); 17 Apr, Johnson Co (KAM); 19 May, Montrose H (GW). **MC**: 8, Fishhk, 29 Apr (TAM); 8, La Salle County Nuclear Plant (La Salle Co), 21 May (DJS); 5, Johnson Co, 18 Apr (KAM); 4, Carl.F, 18 Apr (DK, TAM). **LD**: 21 May, La Salle Co, as above; 25 Apr, Carl.F (DK).



Dunlin at Waukegan Beach, Lake County. 10 June 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.

Pectoral Sandpiper

EA: 20 Mar (73), Fishhk (TAM); 20 Mar (25), Pulaski Co (KAM); 18 Apr (several), Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co) (UG); 19 Apr, JP (PC). **MC**: **2500**, Carl.C, 12 Apr (DK); 1000, Cyp.Crk, 19 Apr (KAM); 185, near Arcola (Douglas Co), 11 Apr (SB); 95, Chau, 7 May (R&SBj). **LD**: 22 May (2), Carl.F (DK, TAM); 18 May, Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM). **Others**: "unusually plumaged partial albino with lots of white on the head, back and wings," Bellrose Refuge (Pulaski Co), 9 May (SB, AS)

Dunlin

EA: **21 Mar** (2), Carl.F (TAM, DK)—**record early IL arrival** by three days; **27 Mar**, Fishhk (TAM); 17 Apr, near Jamesburg (Vermilion Co) (SB); 24 Apr (3), LCal (WM). **MC**: 175+, Fayette Co, 15 May (TAM); 58, LCal, 26 May (WM); 15, Oakley (Macon Co), 18-19 May (TAM). **LD**: 17 Jun, Waukegan (Lake Co) (EW:ph); 3 Jun, Hennepin L (DFS); 22 May, Carl.F (DK, TAM); 18-19 May (15), Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM).

Stilt Sandpiper

EA: **27 Mar**, Carl.F (DK)—**record early IL arrival** by three days. **MC**: 15+, Swan L (Calhoun Co), 15 May (SB, IOS); 10 (breeding plumage), Oakley (Macon Co), 18 May (TAM); 7, Bellrose Refuge (Pulaski Co), 9 May (SB, AS). **LD**: **11 Jun** (breeding plumage), LCal (WM)—second latest departure date; 18 May (10), Oakley, as above; 25 Apr, Carl.F (DK).

Ring-billed Gull with captured fish, Northwestern University landfill, Cook County. 24 May 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.

Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 1 May, Elwin (Macon Co) (TAM); 2 May (3), Carl.C (DK); 8 May (2), LCal (WM); 9 May (12), Rockfd airport quarry (DTW). **MC**: 15, Cyp.Crk, 11 May (KAM); 12, Carl.F, 15 May (TAM). **LD**: 7 Jun, LCal (WM); 16 May (4), Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: 4 Apr (5), Carl.F (DK); 21 Apr, Cyp.Crk (KAM). **MC**: 45, Carl.F, 25 Apr (DK); 19, Chau, 30 Apr (R&SBj). **LD**: 30 Apr (3), CrabOr. (KAM); 28 Apr, Pr.Rdg (LH, BS).

Wilson's Snipe

EA: 11 Mar (2), Mermet L (KAM); 14 Mar, Carl.C (DK); 21 Mar (2), Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co) (WM, JA); 2 Apr (5), Boone Co (AB). **MC**: 120, Carl.F, 4 Apr (DK); 40, Pulaski Co, 20 Mar (KAM); 36, Clinton L (DeWitt Co), 10 Apr (JC); 28, ne. Macon Co, 14 Apr (TAM); 14, Pecatonica Wetlands FP, 4 Apr (DTW). **LD**: 11 May, Hennepin L (SB); 11 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 7 May, Bellrose Refuge (Pulaski Co) (SB); 3 May (2), Decatur (TAM).

American Woodcock

EA: 28 Feb (3), Johnson Co (KAM, TAM); 29 Feb, Site M (Cass Co) (RJ); 6 Mar (4), Chinquapin Psv (MF); 11 Mar, Bolingbrook (Will Co) (UG); 14 Mar, Montrose H (GW); 14 Mar, JP (PC). **MC**: 15+, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 24 Mar (UG); 15, n. Effingham Co, 14 Mar (MAH); 5, Fishhk, 6 Mar (TAM). **LD**: 23 May (2), JP (PC).

Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 17 Apr (female), near Jamesburg (Vermilion Co) (AFS, SB, IOS); 17 Apr, Cyp.Crk (KAM); 27 Apr (female), Arcola M (Douglas Co) (SB). **LD**: 5-6 Jun (male), LCal (WM, EW); 15 May (female), Swan L (Calhoun Co) (SB, IOS); 12 May (male), Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co) (SB). Singles only. **Corrigendum**: For sightings from La Salle and Bureau Cos in the spring 2003 summary, change the date from "13 Apr" to "13 May;" the date is thus not an Early Arrival, but remains a Maximum Count.

Red-necked Phalarope

EA: 15 May (pair, breeding plumage), Vandalia (Fayette Co) (TAM)—the only report.

Laughing Gull

EA: 24 Apr, Carl.C (DK, MiS); 21 May (adult), La Salle County Nuclear Plant (La Salle Co) (DJS). **LD**: 30 May (adult), Illinois/Indiana state line (TK:ph); 14 May (adult), East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH). **Other** (apparent **Laughing Gull x Ring-billed Gull hybrid**): 5-8 May (adult), Kentucky Fried Chicken parking lot at 106th St. & Indianapolis Blvd, Chi (MB, *WM).

Franklin's Gull

EA: 3 Mar (adult), Calumet Park (Cook Co) (*CM)—**record early for n. IL**; 16 Apr, HL (FH). **MC**: 8, Springfield (Sangamon Co), 30 May (RJ). **LD**: 30 May (8), Sangamon Co, as above; 22 May (1st spring), Oregon Dam (Ogle Co) (EW:ph); 3 May (adult), L Decatur (TAM, MD). No other reports.

[Little Gull

EA: 2 Apr, Richland Co.]

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 27 Feb (2, winter plumage), Rend L (EW); 2 Mar (12), L Shel. (TAM); 4 Mar (adult), L&D#15 (Rock Island Co) (SFd). **MC**: 500, L Decatur, 7 Apr (TAM, MD); 400, Carl.C, 28 Mar (DK); 300, L Springfield (Sangamon Co), 4 Apr (RJ); 274, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 13 Apr (JC). **LD**: 29 May (2 1st yr), Rainbow Beach (DFS); 16 May (2, alternate plumage), O'Fallon sewage ponds (St. Clair Co) (SB).

Ring-billed Gull

EA: 20 Mar (24), Boone Co (AB). **MC**: 15,006, HL, 16 Mar (KAM); 4000, Carl.C, 14 Mar - 3 Apr (DK); 3200, Navy Pier, Chi, 26 May (DFS); 3000, L Shel., 2 Mar (TAM); 2327, Chau, 12 Mar (R&SBj). **LD**: 15 May (2 1st yr), Hennepin L (EW); 9 May (3 1st yr), CrabOr. (EW). See **Laughing Gull** for apparent hybrid.

Herring Gull

MC: 45 (migrant flock), Montgomery Co, 4 Apr (RJ); 20, Lake Co, 21 May (KAM); 6, Carl.B, 17 Apr (DK). **LD**: 8 May (2), Timber Ridge FP (Du Page Co) (UG); 3 May (2nd yr), L Decatur (TAM, MD); 18 Apr (3), Rockfd airport quarry (DTW); 17 Apr (6), Carl.B (DK). Poorly reported.

Thayer's Gull

EA: 12 Mar (1st winter), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SFd); 16 Mar (1st winter), L Decatur (TAM); 5 Apr (adult), JP (SC). **LD**: 15 May, Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co) (SM); 14 Apr (adult), JP (PC).

Great Black-backed Gull in first spring plumage at Waukegan Beach, Lake County. 9 June 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.

Iceland Gull

EA: 21 Mar (1st winter), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SFd)—the only report.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

EA: 2 Mar (adult), L Shel. (TAM); 3-25 Mar (adult), Rend L (KAM); 13 Mar (adult), North Point Marina (Lake Co) (DTW).

Glaucous Gull

EA: 26 Feb – 5 Mar (immature), JP (SC).

Great Black-backed Gull

LD: 8 May-end of period (at least through 13 Jun) (1st yr), LCal (*WM); 8 May - 1 Jun (1st spring, distinct from LCal individual), JP (PC, SC:ph/video, m.ob.).

Caspian Tern

EA: 27 Mar, Wolf L, LCal (CM)—**record early IL arrival** by four days; 1 Apr, JP (PC)—**3rd earliest IL arrival**; 7 Apr, Rend L (KAM); 9 Apr, L Shel. (TAM). **MC**: 210, GrantP, 1 May (DEW); 210, Montrose H, 6 May (GW); 165+, Evanston, 12 Apr (EW); 11, Carl.F, 8 May (TAM, MD); 6, Chau, 7 May (R&SBj). **LD**: 11 Jun, McGinnis Slough, Palos (DFS); 10 Jun (2), GrantP (DFS); 26 May, Madison Co (FH); 16 May (4), Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Common Tern

EA: 30 Apr (2), JP (PC); 6 May (5), Montrose H (GW). **MC**: 200+, Tamalco Access, Carl.F, 6 May (TAM, MD)—significant record high for s. IL (where previous maximum is 97 birds in Sep 1993); 45, Waukegan (Lake Co), 21 May (KAM); 40 (adults), Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co), 28 May (DRD); 10, Chau, 21 May (R&SBj). **LD**: 30 May, JP (PC). Few reports.

Forster's Tern

EA: 10 Apr (2), Wolf L, LCal (AA, SP); 15 Apr (2), Rend L (KAM); 17 Apr, Carl.C (DK); 29 Apr, L Decatur (TAM); 29 Apr (3), Fishhk (TAM). **MC**: 23, Lake Co, 21 May (KAM); 20, Carl.C, 15 May (DK, IOS); 18, LCal, 8 May (WM); 14, CrabOr., 5 May (KAM, MkS, RH). **LD**: 3 Jun (8—2 in breeding plumage), Hennepin L (DFS); 30 May (2), LCal (WM); 28 May, L Springfield (Sangamon Co) (KAM); 16 May (7), Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Least Tern

MC: 5, Gorham Fish Farms (Jackson Co), 29 May (DK)—the only report.

Black Tern

EA: 23 Apr, Burnham Island CA (Alexander Co) (TAM)—**second earliest IL**

arrival; 6 May, Arcola (Douglas Co) (EW); 8 May (3), Rockfd (DTW); 9 May, Hennepin L (UG). **MC**: 60, HL, 14 May (FH); 20, Arcola M (Douglas Co), 31 May (RJ); 13, Hennepin L, 15 May (EW:ph); 5, Chau, 28 May (R&SBj). **LD**: 31 May (20), Douglas Co, as above; 31 May (8), Nelson M (ES); 19 May, East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 420, w. Cook Co, 2 Mar (DFS); 20, Carl.C, 4 Apr (DK).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 38, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 10, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 8, Massac Co, 5 May (KAM, MkS, RH); 3, Steppig Road (Monroe Co), 6 Mar (JZ); 3, Bethany (Moultrie Co), 27 Mar (EW); 3, Granite City (Madison Co), 16 May (FH); 3, Thomson (Carroll Co), 22 May (EW)—the only report from n. IL. Widely reported in ones and twos over s. half of state (north to Saybrook (McLean Co)). New or evidently new locations from c. IL (fide TAM) include Harristown, Bethany, Lovington, and a new site in Decatur (Moultrie Co), and Mattoon (Coles Co). In south, one on 23 May, Clay City (Clay Co), provided a first Clay Co record for observer (LH). Other: 1 entirely leucistic bird (w normal pluamaged bird, Karnak (Pulaski Co, 32 Apr (SB).

Mourning Dove

EA: 24 Mar, GrantP (DFS); 28 Mar (13), JP (PC). **MC**: **300**, Ramsey L, 11 Apr (RJ)—**record high count for spring**; 114, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 78, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 75, Grundy Co, 27 Mar (DFS).

Monk Parakeet

MC: 41 (including at least 29 nests in use), Burnham (s. Cook Co), 10 Apr (AA); 27, JP, 8 May (JR, PC et al.); 15 (with 6 nests), Rainbow Beach, 3 Mar (CM); 4, Addison (Du Page Co), 27 Mar (UG). **Others** (evidently recent, unestablished escapes): 4, Carl.C, 3 Apr & 15-16 May (DK et al.).

Black-billed Cuckoo

EA: 11 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 13 May, Montrose H (GW); 13 May, JP (GLS). **MC**: 3, two forest preserves in Lake Co, 22 May (SB, SD); 3, Jo Daviess Co, 23 May (DFS); 2, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co), 20 May (ES). **LD**: 6 Jun, JP (PC); 31 May, Chinquapin Psv (MF)—the only report from c. IL; 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS)—one of only two reports from s. IL. **Other** (south): 15 Jun (migrant?), Old Ben 25-27 mines (Franklin Co) (LS).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

EA: **24 Apr**, se. Union Co (TAM et al.); **24 Apr** (2), Mermet L (KAM, FB)—tying with 2002 and 1994 for record early date; 29 Apr, Montrose H (GW); 30 Apr, Coles Co (LBH, LT). **MC**: **46**, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 15, Venedy (Washington Co), 20 May (SB); 5, Ryerson Woods FP (Lake Co) (SB, SD); 4, Chinquapin Psv, 22 May (MF). **LD**: 31 May, JP (KC); 21 May, Montrose H (GW). Singles only reported from n. IL. **Remarks**: "Came through this spring in the best numbers I have seen and heard in several years" at McDonough Co and vicinity (LLH).

Barn Owl

24 Apr (at known nest location), Union Co (KAM, FB). [**Others** (extralimital): 2 (photographed), Clinton Co, 8 May.]

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 5, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 4, Carl.C, 8 May (DK); 3, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 30 Apr (KAM, VM); 2, Franklin Co, 8 May (LS). **Others**: 9 May (road-killed, gray morph), Springfield (Sangamon Co) (RJ)—the only report outside s. IL.

Great Horned Owl

MC: 5, Carl.C, 8 May (DK). **Remarks**: Poor numbers (singles only at several spots) in s. IL; still not back to previous numbers (KAM). Ones and twos reported from Kane, Du Page, Piatt, Moultrie, and Marion Cos.

Barred Owl

MC: **23**, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 9, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR); 5, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 3, Chinquapin Psv, 13 Mar (MF). **Others** (north): 6 Mar-22 May+ (on territory), Thompson (Carroll Co) (EW); 12 May, Severson Dells FP (Winnebago Co) (SB); 17 Apr, Waterfall Glen (UG); 24 Apr, Peru (La Salle Co) (UG); 24 Apr, along IL-26 spur (Bureau Co) (UG).

Long-eared Owl

LD: 23 Mar (7), Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co) (RHn, GJ, SB)—the only report.

Short-eared Owl

MC: 4, Pr.Rdg, 4 Apr (MAH). **LD**: 24 Apr, Johnson Co (KAM, FB); 9 Apr, Ridgetop Prairie NPsv (Woodford Co) (MF); 9 Apr, Ferrin (Clinton Co) (DK). **Other**: 1 Apr (dead on street), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

LD: 17 & 25 Mar, Green R (Franklin Co) (LS); 13 Mar (pellet with no evidence of roost—assumed as migrant), Shelbyville FWA (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 7 Mar (present since 27 Feb), Forestry Plantation (Champaign Co) (RJ). No other reports.

Common Nighthawk

EA: 20 Apr, Belleville (St. Clair Co) (DK); 21 Apr, Williamson Co (KAM); 3 May, Decatur (TAM); 5 May, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 8 May, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 8 May (3), Elsen's Hill (ES); 8 May (2), LCal (WM). **MC**: 13, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 6, Clinton Co, 8 May (KAM, RH); 6, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 22 May (EW).

Chuck-will's-widow

EA: 21 Apr (2), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 6 May, Fox Ridge SP (**Coles Co**) (LJ)—only the second Coles Co record in past 16 years (LBH). **MC**: 3, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 30 Apr (KAM, VM); 3, Pomona (Jackson Co), 8 May (RMR); 2, e. Franklin Co, 8 May (LS). **LD**: 8 May (calling male—probably a migrant), Ramsey L (TAM). **Other**: 21 May, Alexander Co (DRD).

Whip-poor-will

EA: 7 Apr (2), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 9 Apr, Carl.C (DK); 21 Apr (female), JP (PC, SC, JC); 22 Apr, GrantP (DEW). **MC**: **49**, n. Fayette Co, 8 May (TAM); **47**, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 9, Putnam Co, 8 May (DFS). **LD**: 17 May, GrantP (DFS); 9 May (female), JP (SC); 8 May, Montgomery Co (RJ)—the only report from c. IL.

Chimney Swift

EA: 4 Apr (3), Pulaski Co (KAM); 5 Apr, Granite City (Madison Co) (FH); 10 Apr, Piatt Co (ES); 16 Apr, Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS). **MC**: **1770** (mostly northbound over L Michigan), GrantP, 2 Jun (DFS)—second highest spring count on record, and one of the few records suggesting a spring departure date; 220, 31st St. to Rainbow Beach, Chi, 29 May (DFS); 150, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 95, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 51, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

EA: 16 Apr, West Frankfort (Franklin Co) (LS); 25 Apr, Carl.C (DK); 2 May (2), Siloam Springs SP (Adams/Brown Cos) (AD); 6 May, Boone Co (AB); 6 May (male), Waterfall Glen (UG, ES); 6 May (male), JP (SC). **MC**: 17, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR, RM); 12, Siloam Springs SP (Adams/Brown Cos), 11 May (EW); 7, Massac Co, 1 May (KAM, VM); 3, Montrose H, 18 May (GW). **LD**: 4 Jun, JP (DE); 29 May (female), Rainbow Beach (DFS). [**Other** (undocumented): **20 Mar** (female), Johnson Co.]

Belted Kingfisher

EA: 6 Mar, JP (KC et al.); 13 Mar, Kane Co (ES); 19 Mar, Chau (R&SBj). **MC**: 5, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 4, Linc.P, 17 Apr (GW); 3, Massac Co, 7 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 28 May, GrantP (DFS); 26 Mar, Chau (R&SBj); 25 May, JP (PC).

Red-headed Woodpecker

EA: 11 Apr, M.Arb. (MBC); 24 Apr, Linc.P (GW); 25 Apr, JP (GW, CG). **MC**: 36, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS)—highest spring-season count since 1991; 12, Union Co. 1 Apr (KAM); 9, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 3 Apr (EW); 3, ArgnLab, various dates (UG)—the only site in n. IL reporting counts greater than one. **LD**: 6 Jun, JP (PC); 23 May, GrantP (DEW); 19 May, Illinois Institute of Technology campus, Chi (GW).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

EA: 17 Apr (male), JP (SC); 27 Apr (male), Linc.P (EW). **MC**: 19, Deer Grove West FP, Palatine (Cook Co), 8 May (GW); 18, Forest Park NPsv (Peoria Co), 15 Apr (TVL); 17, Putnam Co, 19 May (DFS); 14, Clinton Co, 8 May (KAM, RH); 13, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 12, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 3 Apr (EW).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

EA: **11 Mar**, Douglas-Hart Nature Center (Coles Co) (LBH); 16 Mar (2), Pecatonica FP (DTW); 20 Mar, Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Mar, ArgnLab (UG); 24 Mar (male), JP (PC); 24 Mar (4), Decatur (TAM). **MC**: 12, GrantP, 20 Apr (DFS); 11, Thatcher Wds FP, River Forest (Cook Co), 7 Apr (JA); 6, Decatur, 2 Apr (TAM); 3, Jackson Co, 1 Apr (KAM); 3, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 3 Apr (EW). **LD**: **25 May**, River Forest (Cook Co) (JA); 20 May (male), GrantP (DFS); **8 May**, Effingham Co (MAH)—one of the few May dates available for s. IL; 5 May, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 18 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM). **Other**: **red-naped individual** (immature in molt?), Rock Island Co, 7 May (SFd).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 25, nw. Cook Co, 8 May (GW); 17, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 15, Salt Crk Wds, 25 Apr (DFS); 13, Fort Massac SP, 28 Mar (Massac Co) (KAM); 10, Forest Park NPsv (Peoria Co), 15 Apr (TVL).

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 7, Salt Crk Wds, 25 Apr (DFS); 5, Putnam Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 5, Massac Co, 21 Apr (KAM); 3, Forest Park NPsv (Peoria Co), 15 Apr (TVL). **Others** (extralimital): 17 Feb-26 Mar, JP (SC); 17 Apr, Linc.P (GW); 2 May, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (GW).

Northern Flicker

EA: 20 Mar (2), JP (PC); 28 Mar (2), M.Arb. (MBC). **MC**: 53, GrantP, 19 Apr (DFS); 28, Hennepin L, 6 Apr (DFS); 22, JP, 28 Mar (PC); 10, Carl.C, 27-28 Mar (DK); 8, Fort Massac SP, 28 Mar (Massac Co) (KAM). **LD**: 20 May, GrantP (DFS); 19 May (5), Montrose H (GW).

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 6, Ft Massac, 5 May (KAM, MkS, RH); 6, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 3, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 24 Apr (AD); 2 (calling), Hanover (Jo Daviess Co) (RJ). **Others** (north/central IL): 5 Mar & 12 Mar, Chau (R&SBj); 30 Mar (male), Christian Co (RJ); 10 Apr, four miles n.of Congerville (Woodford Co) (fide MF)

Olive-sided Flycatcher

EA: 11 May (2), JP (SC, PC); 12 May, Ballard Nature Center (Effingham Co) (LH, BS); 14 May, Elsen's Hill (ES). **MC**: 4, Rock Cut, 22 May (DTW); 4 (males), two forest preserves in Lake Co, 22 May (SB, SD); 3, JP, 26 May (PC). **LD**: 30 May, JP (KC); 29 May, Blackhawk FP (Kane Co) (ES); 24 May, Bird Haven (Richland Co) (LH); 22 May, Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co) (EW).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

EA: 17 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AD)—**record early arrival** by one day; 24 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, FB); 30 Apr, Montrose H (GW); 2 May (2), Carl.C (DK); 6 May (male), JP (WS, PC); 8 May (2), Pecatonica FP (DTW). **MC**: 57, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 25, GrantP, 17 May (DFS); 19, Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 23 May (DFS); 11, Independence P (Tazewell Co), 26 May (TVL). **LD**: 13 Jun (male), Evanston (EW); 10 Jun, GrantP (DFS).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: 12 May, Linc.P (GW); 15 May, JP (SC); 22 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 9 (males), Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 22 May (SB, SD); 7, Montrose H, 20 May (GW); 7, Cook Co, 23 May (KAM). **LD**: 5 Jun, Busse Wds FP, Elk Grove Village (Cook Co) (AA); 2 Jun (2), GrantP (DFS); 23 May, Carl.C (DK). Only two reports away from Cook and Lake Cos, as above.

Acadian Flycatcher

EA: 24 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, FB); 6 May, Tamalco Access, Carl.B (TAM); 11 May, GrantP (DFS); 19 May, JP (SC, PC). **MC**: 59, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 32, Venedy (Washington Co), 20 May (SB); 18, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR); 5, Independence P (Tazewell Co), 26 May (TVL); 3, M.Arb., 29 May (ES). **LD**: 27 May, GrantP (DFS). **Remarks**: Above-average numbers in Du Page and Kane Cos (ES).

"Traill's Flycatcher"

EA: 6 May, JP (WS, SF); 8 May, Timber Ridge FP (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC**: 12, GrantP, 24 May (DFS).

Alder Flycatcher

EA: 12 May, Illinois Institute of Technology campus, Chi (GW); 13 May (2), IIL (KAM); 16 May (male), JP (PC); 16 May, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 5, Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co), 22 May (KAM); 4, Montrose H, 20-23 May (GW); 4, Rock Cut, 22 May (DTW); 4, GrantP, 23 May (DEW). **LD**: 12 Jun (singing), Powder Horn L FP, LCal (WM); 5 Jun, Cherry Hill Wds, Palos (DFS); 4 Jun, near Jewett (Cumberland Co) (SB); 22 May, Carl.C (DK).

Willow Flycatcher

EA: 5 May, Mermet L (KAM, MkS, RH); 7 May, Montrose H (GW); 8 May, Vandalia L (Fayette Co) (TAM, MD); 12 May (male), JP (PC); 18 May, Little Swan L (Warren Co) (LLH). **MC**: 17, LCal, 31 May (DFS); 14, GrantP, 22 May (DEW); 10, Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co), 22 May (KAM); 7, Rock Cut, 22 May (DTW). **LD**: 9 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 4 Jun, Rainbow Beach (DFS).

Least Flycatcher

EA: 17 Apr, ChiBotGdn (AA); 29 Apr, JP (PC, CG); 2 May, North Aurora (Kane Co) (UG); 2 May, Carl.C (DK); 2 May, HL (FH); 18 May, Little Swan L (Warren Co) (LLH). **MC**: 22, Salt Crk Wds, 9 May (DFS); 22, GrantP, 17 May (DFS); 9, JP, 12 May (PC); 8, Montrose H, 11 & 13 May (GW). **LD**: 5 Jun (singing), LCal (WM); 26 May (male), JP (PC); 26 May, GrantP (DFS); 8 May, Carl.C (DK).

Eastern Phoebe

EA: 12 Mar, Decatur (TAM); 13 Mar, Shelbyville FWA (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 20 Mar, Rockfd (DTW); 20 Mar, Ogle Co (DFS); 20 Mar (2), McKee M (Du Page Co) (UG); 20 Mar (2), JP (SC); 20 Mar, CrabOr. (KAM); 21 Mar (3), Carl.C (DK, TAM). **MC**: 34, JP, 28 Mar (PC); 25, GrantP, 29 Mar (DFS); 21, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 9, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 8, Moultrie Co, 27 Mar (TAM). **LD**: 22 May, Montrose H (GW); 16 May, M.Arb. (MBC); 9 May (male), JP (PC). **Other**: 28 Feb (wintered?), Mermet L (TAM, KAM).

[Say's Phoebe

LD: 21 Mar, Clinton Co—believed to be same individual first found 31 Oct 2003 and relocated in Feb 2004.]

Great Crested Flycatcher

EA: 17 Apr (2), Heron Pond (KAM); 18 Apr, Eggers Wds FP, Chi (CM); 25 Apr, HL (FH); 28 Apr (2), JP (PC, SF); 5 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 19, Venedy (Washimgton Co), 20 May (SB); 17, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 13, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 10, Deer Grove West FP, Palatine (Cook Co), 8 May (GW); 9, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DFS). **LD**: 13 Jun (male), Evanston (EW); 6 Jun, Rainbow Beach (DFS).

Western Kingbird

EA: 8 May, Madison Co (FH); 15 May (2), East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (GW). **MC**: 3, Granite City (Madison Co), 15 May (KAM, DTW, et al.).

Eastern Kingbird

EA: 15 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 21 Apr, Shelbyville FWA (Moultrie Co) (TAM, MD); 25 Apr (2), M.Arb. (MBC); 7 May (2), Pecatonica FP (DTW); 5 May, Coles Co (L. Barrie Hunt)—latest Coles Co arrival in 36 years of data (LBH). **MC**: 36, Orland Grasslands (Cook Co), 21 May (CT); 31, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 30, Carl.C, 2 May & 15-16 May (DK); 30, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 25, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH). **LD**: 21 May (13, including flock of 11), Salt Crk Wds (DFS).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

EA: 1 May (male), Big Muddy R (Union Co) (AS, fide SB); 18 May, Warren Co (two miles nw. of Avon), 18 May (LLH). **LD**: 5 Jun, JP (SC).

Say's Phoebe. Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 21 March 2004. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

Loggerhead Shrike

EA: 23 Mar, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co) (RHn, GJ, SB)—the only report outside s. IL. **MC**: 3, Clinton Co, 8 May (KAM, RH). **LD**: 3 Apr, near Vera (Fayette Co) (TAM, MD).

Northern Shrike

LD: 19 Mar, LCal (WM); 13 Mar, Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co) (DFS); 7 Mar, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (GW). No other reports.

White-eyed Vireo

EA: 9 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 17 Apr (4), Carl.C (DK); 18 Apr, JP (PC); 19 Apr, GrantP (DFS); 22 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AD); 5 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 25, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR); 24, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 17, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 2, Waterfall Glen, 1 May (UG). **LD**: 22 May, Chinquapin Psv (MF); 8 May, Timber Ridge FP (Du Page Co) (UG); 6 May, Montrose H (GW).

Bell's Vireo

EA: 30 Apr, CrabOr. (KAM); 10 May, GrantP (DFS); 11 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 11 May, Siloam Springs SP (Adams/Brown Cos) (EW). **MC**: 28 (males—"Just the tip of the iceberg at this location!"), near Harrisburg (Saline Co), 20 May (SB)—**record IL high count**; 8, 3 locations in Union & Pulaski Cos, 7-9 May (SB); 4, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 2, Putnam Co, 19 May (DFS); 2, Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co), 22 May (KAM, JS); 2 (males), Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 22 May (EW). **Other** (central/north): 15 May (male), Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (EW).

Yellow-throated Vireo

EA: 28 Mar, Ft Massac (KAM)—ties for **record early arrival**; 22 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AD); 24 Apr, Moultrie Co (MAH); 29 Apr, Montrose H (GW); 3 May, ArgnLab (UG). **MC**: 21, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 9, Salt Crk Wds 9 May (DFS); 5, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ). **LD**: 21 May, Woodbridge (Du Page Co) (MBC); 19 May (2), JP (PC); 2 May, Carl.C (DK).

Blue-headed Vireo

EA: 15 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 18 Apr, Nelson M (UG); 23 Apr, Evanston (EW). **MC**: 15, Salt Crk Wds, 9 May (DFS)—ties for **record high count**; 4, Pecatonica, 8 May (DTW); 4, JP, 6 May (WS); 2, Atwood Ridge (Union Co), 27 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 23 May, JP (PC); 23 May, GrantP (DFS); 23 May, Montrose H (GW); 1 May, Carl.C (DK).

Warbling Vireo

EA: 15 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 16 Apr, HL (FH); 17 Apr (4), Carl.C (DK); 21 Apr (singing male), Shelbyville FWA (Moultrie Co) (TAM, MD); 22 Apr (2), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AD); 25 Apr (2), Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (MBC, UG); 28 Apr (3), M.Arb. (ES); 29 Apr, JP (PC). **MC**: 27, HL, 13 May (KAM); 24, Putnam Co, 18 May (DFS); 18, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 16, Adams Co, 27 Apr (AD). **LD**: 8 Jul, GrantP (DFS)—**record late departure date**; 10 Jun, GrantP (DFS)—other than the preceding record, this is the latest departure date available in the recent IL journals; 6 Jun, Rainbow Beach (DFS).

Philadelphia Vireo

EA: 30 Apr, Montrose H (GW); 5 May (2), Ft Massac (KAM, MkS, RH); 6 May, Waterfall Glen (ES). **MC**: 3, Carl.C, 15 May (DK, UG, IOS); 2, Ft Massac, 5 May (KAM, MkS, RH); 2, JP, 18 May (PC); 2, Rockfd, 19 May (DTW); 2, Evanston, 23 May (EW); 2, GrantP, 26 May (DFS). **LD**: 27 May (male), JP (PC); 26 May, Rock Island Co (SFd); 15 May (3), Clinton Co, as above. No reports from c. IL; all other data received confined to ne. counties.

Red-eyed Vireo

EA: 15 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 29 Apr, JP (SF); 30 Apr, M.Arb. (UG); 30 Apr, Madison Co (FH); 8 May, Pecatonica FP (DTW). **MC**: 47, Salt Crk Wds, 16 May (DFS); 44, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 27, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 7 May (EW); 25, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 21 May (KAM, RM); 14, Independence P (Tazewell Co), 26 May (TVL). **LD**: 13 Jun (2 males), Evanston (EW); 6 Jun, Rainbow Beach (DFS); 6 Jun (5 males), JP (PC).

Blue Jay

EA: 3 Apr (14), Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co) (EW); 17 Apr, Linc.P (GW); 17 Apr, JP (PC). **MC**: 220, Montrose H, 10 May (GW); 215+, Wilmette (Cook Co), 6 May (EW); 53, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 40, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DK, TAM); 33, Johnson Co, 17 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 9 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 9 Jun, JP (KC). **Remarks**: "After a devastating population crash in the LCal area last winter & early spring, numbers appear to be back to normal levels this spring" (WM).

American Crow

MC: 110, Winnebago Co, 13 Mar (DFS); 100, St. Clair Co, 24 Feb (KAM); 47, JP, 26 Apr (PC); 20, Site M (Cass Co), 29 Feb (RJ). **Remarks**: "Numbers are still relatively low in the LCal area. Apparently this species has not yet recovered from the population crash of 2002." (WM). DFS noted continued decline at Salt Crk Wds, with only 3 individuals over 26 hours on 8 dates this spring, vs. 12 over 15 hours in 2003, and 178 over 22 hours in 2002.

Fish Crow

EA: 11 Mar (3), Mermet L (KAM); 20 Mar (7), L&D#21 (Adams Co) (EW); 28 Mar, Madison Co (FH). **MC**: 22, Jackson Co, 28 Mar (KAM); 7, Adams Co, as above; 3-4, Pike (Pike Co), 11 Apr (EW). Other reports confined to sw. counties (Madison through Union Cos) plus Massac Co.

Horned Lark

EA: 5 Mar, JP (SC)—the only migration datum received. **MC**: 54, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 54, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 48, Christian Co, 25 Apr (RJ); 32, Ford Co, 15 May (DFS); 30, Ramsey L, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); 30, Carl.C, three dates 28 Mar - 18 Apr (DK); 21, DeKalb Co, 28 Mar (DFS).

Purple Martin

EA: 14 Mar, HL (FH); **20 Mar** (1-2), McKee M (Du Page Co) (UG)—**record early for n. IL** by one day; 26 Mar (4 males), Forsyth (Macon Co) (TAM); 10 Apr (male), Clinton L (DeWitt Co) (UG); 15 Apr (2), Hennepin L (DFS); 16 Apr (4), Boone Co (AB). **MC**: 75, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 61, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 26, Pike Co, 28 May (KAM); 24, Hennepin L, 30 Apr (DFS); 20, South Shore Cultural Center, Chi, 9 May (CM); 17, Durand (Winnebago Co), 8 May (DTW). **LD**: 2 Jun (3, migrating n.with Chimney Swifts), GrantP (DFS).

Tree Swallow

EA: 6 Mar, Carl.F (TAM, DK); 11 Mar (6), Mermet L (KAM); 15 Mar, Charleston (Coles Co) (LBH)—second earliest record for county (LBH); 20 Mar (several), McKee M (Du Page Co) (UG); 20 Mar, JP (PC); 20 Mar, Wolf L, LCal (SC); 4 Apr (9), Four Lakes FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC**: 2000, CrabOr., 1 Apr (KAM); 1000, Rend L, 12 Apr (KAM); 780, sw. Perry Co, 4 Apr (EW); 400, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 20 Apr (JC); 350-400, LCal, 30 Mar (AA); 300, L&D#21, Quincy (Adams Co), 22 Apr (AD). **LD**: 2 Jun (9, migrating n.with Chimney Swifts), GrantP (DFS).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

EA: 28 Mar, Carl.C (DK); 28 Mar (12), Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 28 Mar (5), Massac Co (KAM); 31 Mar (2), Fishhk (TAM, MD); 5 Apr (2), Coffeen L (Montgomery Co) (RJ); 10 Apr, JP (DA et al.); 10 Apr, LCal (AA, SP). **MC**: 150, Shabbona L (De Kalb Co), 26 Apr (JC); 42, JP, 8 May (SC, PC); 42, LCal, 31 May (DFS); 24, Mermet L, 12 Apr (KAM); 20, Eagle P M (Madison Co), 11 Apr (DK).

Bank Swallow

EA: 10 Apr, HL (FH); 12 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 19 Apr (3), GrantP (DFS); 24 Apr (several), Hennepin L (UG). **MC**: 300, HL, 15 May (KAM); 200, Rockfd airport quarry, 9 May (DTW); 125, LCal, 31 May (DFS); 75, Quincy (Adams Co), 29 Apr (AD). **LD**: 2 Jun (9, migrating n.with Chimney Swifts), GrantP (DFS).

Cliff Swallow

EA: 28 Mar (8), Ft Massac (KAM); 11 Apr (2), L&D#21 (Adams Co) (EW); 22 Apr, JP (CG); 7 May (5), near Pecatonica (DTW). **MC**: 120, Massac Co, 5 May (KAM, MkS, RH); 60, Jo Daviess Co, 23 May (DFS); 50, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 50, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 47, near Pecatonica, 8 May (DTW); 45+, Wilmette (Cook Co), 29 May (EW); 10 (colony), ne. of Bushnell (McDonough Co), 5 May (LLH). **LD**: 2 Jun (migrating n.with Chimney Swifts), GrantP (DFS).

Barn Swallow

EA: **11 Mar**, Pulaski Co (KAM, CL); 21 Mar, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (DK); 30 Mar (3), East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH); 5 Apr (4), Coffeen L (Montgomery Co) (RJ); 6 Apr, JP (PC, BH); 11 Apr (1-2), Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC**: 220, LCal, 31 May (DFS); 220, GrantP, 2 Jun (DFS); 200, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 185, Senachwine L (Putnam Co), 7 May (DFS); 98, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH). **LD**: 2 Jun (220, most migrating n.with Chimney Swifts), GrantP (DFS).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 21, Massac Co, 7 Apr (KAM); 20, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR, RM); 18, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DK, TAM).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 41, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 8 May (GW); 40, M.Arb., 8 May (JC); 27, Winnebago Co, 13 Mar (DFS); 22, Forest Park NPsv (Peoria Co), 15 Apr (TVL); 9, rural Montgomery Co, 4 Apr (RJ); 6, Ramsey L, 11 Apr (RJ).

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 36, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR, RM); 36, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 35, Massac Co, 28 Mar (KAM); 27, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 20, Forest Park NPsv (Peoria Co), 15 Apr (TVL); 18, Montgomery Co, 5 Apr (RJ); 14, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 7, Mason Co, 22 Mar (AA)3, M.Arb., 9 Apr (ES) & 11 Apr (UG). **LD**: 13 May, Wheaton (Du Page Co) (ES); 7 May (present at feeder since mid-Apr), Decatur (LDM); 1 May, Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (UG); 25 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 29 Apr, Montrose H (GW); 28 Feb (2), s. Clinton Co (KAM).

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 23, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS)—highest count (by 3 birds) thus far published in the spring seasonal reports; 14, Forest Park NPsv (Peoria Co), 15 Apr (TVL); 11, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 11, Venedy (Washington Co), 20 May (SB); 10, Ramsey L, 11 Apr (RJ).

Brown Creeper

EA: 3 Mar, Rend L (KAM); 6 Mar, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EW); 23 Mar (3), JP (PC); 24 Mar, Linc.P (GW). **MC**: 20, Linc.P, 31 Mar (GW); 9, JP, 7 Apr (PC); 5, Ft Massac, 28 Mar (KAM); 2, Pioneer P (Sangamon Co), 28 Mar (RJ). **LD**: 12 May, GrantP (DFS); 8 May, JP (BH); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DK, TAM); 5 Apr, Coffeen L (Montgomery Co) (RJ); 4 Apr, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KAM). **Remarks**: "Total numbers in March/April [at GrantP] about 20% of average totals over last decade." (DFS).

Carolina Wren

MC: 28, Massac Co, 7 Apr (KAM); 20, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 15, Venedy (Washington Co), 20 May (SB); 6, Fall Creek (Adams Co), 17 Apr (AD); 6, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 4, JP, 27 May (PC). **Others** (north): 29 Feb, Pecatonica FP (DTW); 2 May, Fabyan Wds West FP (Kane Co) (UG).

House Wren

EA: 9 Apr, Carl.C (DK); 17 Apr, Elsen's Hill (ES); 17 Apr, Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS); 17 Apr (3), JP (SC); 17 Apr, Sand Creek CA, Decatur (TAM). **MC**: **61**, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 34, Putnam Co, 19 May (DFS); 18, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 12, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 12, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW). **LD**: 31 May, Calumet Park (Cook Co) (DFS); 25 May (5 males), JP (PC).

Winter Wren

EA: 20 Mar, Johnson Co (RJ); 20 Mar (4), Ft Massac (KAM); 21 Mar, Pecatonica FP (DTW); 24 Mar, Decatur (TAM); 28 Mar, JP (PC). **MC**: 4, Ft Massac, 20 Mar (KAM)—the only count received greater than two. **LD**: 6 May, JP (SC); 2 May (2), LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (GW); 18 Apr (singing male), Calamus L NPsv (Macon Co) (RJ); 14 Apr, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KAM). **Remarks**: worst year in past decade (DFS).

Sedge Wren

EA: 17 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 25 Apr, near Dongola (Union Co) (SB); 25 Apr, HL (FH); 30 Apr (3), Orland Park (Cook Co) (JC); 3 May, Broberg M (Lake Co) (SB); 3 May, JP (PC); 5 May (5), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 14, Goose L Pr., 19 May (JC); 9, Rock Cut, 22 May (DTW); 4 (males), near Albers (Clinton Co), 15 May (SB); 2, Ford Co, 15 May (DFS). **LD**: 30 May, GrantP (DEW); 22 May, Kane Co (KAM); 8 May (2), Carl.C (DK). Contrary to normal, more widely reported than Marsh Wren.

Marsh Wren

EA: 28 Mar, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 19 Apr, GrantP (DFS); 21 Apr (3), Decatur (TAM, MD); 23 Apr, Waterfall Glen (UG). **MC**: 12, LCal, 8 May (WM); 6, Montrose H, 11 May (GW); 5, Rock Springs Center, Decatur, 3 May (TAM); 3, Pr.Rdg, 5 May (LH); 3, Wolf L (Union Co), 8 May (SB, AS). **LD**: 26 May (male), JP (PC); 26 May, GrantP (DFS); 8 May, Carl.C (DK).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

EA: 3 Mar, Rend L (KAM); 20 Mar, JP (EG); 23 Mar (3), Decatur (TAM). **MC**: 22, M.Arb., 2 Apr (ES); 21, JP, 28 Mar (PC); 18, Pecatonica FP, 4 Apr (DTW); 15, Johnson Co, 21 Mar (RJ); 8, Ft Massac, 20 Mar (KAM); 7, Sangamon Co, 28 Mar (RJ). **LD**: 2 May, Wolf L, LCal (CM); 2 May, JP (PC); 2 May, GrantP (DEW); 14 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 2 Apr (3), Decatur (TAM). **Remarks**: "Terrible spring. Numbers pretty variable across years, but this year's numbers about 15% of average, and 40% of worst previous spring of last decade" (DFS).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

EA: 20 Mar (5), Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Mar, Decatur (TAM); 29 Mar, GrantP (DFS); 29 Mar (2), M.Arb. (MBC). **MC**: 74, JP, 21 Apr (JC); 66, Salt Crk Wds, 1 May (DFS); 34, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi, 2 May (GW); 12, Union Co, 14 Apr (KAM); 5, Decatur, 2 Apr (TAM). **LD**: 27 May, JP (PC); 23 May, Montrose H (KAM); 14 May, Elsen's Hill (ES); 2 May, HL (FH); 2 May (2), Carl.C (DK).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

EA: 27 Mar, Carl.C (DK); 31 Mar, Fishhk (TAM, MD); **3 Apr**, JP (DA et al.); 3 Apr (2), Forest Glen County P (Vermilion Co) (SB). **MC**: **133**, nw. **Winnebago Co**, 8 May (DTW)—**easy record spring tally for n. IL**, where previous maxima do not exceed 38 individuals, and **second highest** for state overall; 81, Jackson Co, 17 Apr (KAM); 75, Union Co, 8 May (SB, AS); **38**, Swallow Cliffs FP, Palos, 29 Apr (DFS); **34**, Waterfall Glen, 23 Apr (JC); 18, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ). **LD**: 21 May, Montrose H (GW); 20 May, Schuyler Co (LLH); 18 May (2), JP (PC, SC).

Eastern Bluebird

EA: 21 Feb (5), Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EW); 29 Feb (2), Rockfd (DTW); 4 Mar, Chinquapin Psv (MF); 20 Mar (2), McKee M (Du Page Co) (UG); 27 Mar (3 males), JP (PC, JR). **MC**: 28, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 26, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR, RM); 20, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 20, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 14, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 10, Putnam Co, 21 Mar (AA). **LD**: 1 Jun (male), GrantP (DFS); 30 May (male), JP (SC, PC).

Veery

EA: 29 Apr (3), Montrose H (GW); 30 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS); 1 May, M.Arb. (ES); 1 May, Ft Massac (KAM, VM); 5 May (2), Bay Creek Wilderness (Pope Co) (RJ). **MC**: 20, JP, 19 May (PC, SC); 14, GrantP, 11 May (DFS); 4, Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co), 23 May (DTW); 3, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR). **LD**: 1 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 31 May, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Wds, River Forest (Cook Co) (JA); 15 May (2), Ramsey L (TAM); 8 May, Carl.C (DK). **Remarks**: "Good migration, best since 1999." (DFS); good numbers at JP (PC). No reports from c. IL.

Gray-cheeked Thrush

EA: 28 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 29 Apr, Montrose H (GW); 1 May, Ramsey L (TAM); 4 May (3), GrantP (DFS); 7 May, Pecatonica FP (DTW); 18 May, Coles Co—latest arrival date on record for county (LBH) and the only datum received from c. IL. **MC**: 10, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 9, JP, 19 May (PC, SC); 8, Montrose H, 13 May (GW); 7, GrantP, 11 May (DFS). **LD**: 26 May, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Wds, River Forest (Cook Co) (JA); 25 May, JP (KA, PC); 22 May, Jo Daviess Co (DFS); 19 May (2), Rockfd (DTW); 15 May (2), Ramsey L (TAM); 8 May, Jackson Co (RMR). **Remarks**: "Best spring since 1997 for this species." (DFS).

Swainson's Thrush

EA: 16 Apr, JP (SF); 17 Apr, Chi (JC, MBC); 17 Apr (4), Heron Pond (KAM); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DK, TAM); 5 May (2), Sand Creek CA, Decatur (TAM); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 53, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 40+ (in half-hour nocturnal survey), Evanston, 23 May (EW); 22, Ft Massac, 1 May (KAM, VM); 21, JP, 18 May (PC); 17, Salt Crk Wds, 16 May (DFS); 16, Lowell P (Lee Co), 22 May (EW); 3, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ). **LD**: **7 Jul** (seen and heard singing), JP (*PC)—**record late spring date**, but note that one at this site published as an early fall arrival on 15 Jul 1995 was singing and is perhaps better interpreted as a very late spring migrant; 30 May, JP (SC); 29 May, Urbana (Champaign Co) (EW); 16 May (6), Carl.C (DK, IOS). **Remarks**: Excellent numbers in s. IL (KAM). "Mediocre migration. No good daily counts, but moderately common though most of middle of May." (DFS).

Hermit Thrush

EA: 20 Mar, Cache R (Johnson Co) (RJ); 20 Mar, Ft Massac (KAM); 26 Mar, JP (PC, SC); 28 Mar (2), Graceland Cemetary, Chi (GW); 8 Apr, Decatur (TAM); 17 Apr, Kilbuck FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC**: 66, McCormick Place, Chi, 17 Apr (GW); 55, GrantP, 17 Apr (DEW); 40, Eggers Wds FP, Chi, 17 Apr (CM); 6, Heron Pond, 17 Apr (KAM); 3, Calamus L (Macon Co), 18 Apr (RJ); 3, Springfield (Sangamon Co), 11 May (RJ). **LD**: 20 May, JP (PC); 11 May (3), Springfield (Sangamon Co) (RJ); 9 May (3), Chi (JC); 7 May, Pecatonica FP (DTW); 5 May, Bay Creek Wilderness (Pope Co) (RJ); 21 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM). **Others**: **6 Mar** (wintered?), Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EW); 15 May - **5 Jun** (injured), JP (SC, PC, m.ob.). **Remarks**: "Mediocre migration" (DFS); "very poor numbers this season" (UG).

Northern Mockingbird at Crawford County. 7 May 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.

American Pipit at Evanston, Cook County. 17 May 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.

Wood Thrush

EA: **4 Apr**, Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (EW); 14 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 17 Apr, Warbler Wds NPsv (Coles Co) (LBH); 21 Apr, JP (KA); 23 Apr, Evanston (EW); 27 Apr, Sand Creek CA, Decatur (TAM); 3 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 20, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 16, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 8, Clinton Co, 3 May (KAM); 6, Elsen's Hill, 8 May (ES); 6, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ). **LD**: 22 May, Woodbridge (Du Page Co) (MBC); 21 May, GrantP (DEW).

American Robin

EA: 26 Feb, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 29 Feb (134), JP (PC); 29 Feb (38), Site M (Cass Co) (RJ); 3 Mar (3), Chinquapin Psv (MF). **MC**: **2427** (southbound), JP, 28 Mar (PC); **2350**, GrantP, 28 Mar (DEW); 423, Grundy Co, 27 Mar (DFS); 387, Graceland Cemetary, Chi, 28 Mar (GW); 275, St. Clair Co, 8 Mar (KAM); 200, Carl.C, 28 Mar (DK); 197, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 100, Mason Co, 14 Mar (RJ). **LD**: 17 May (6 migrants), JP (PC). **Note**: The term "reverse migration" has occasionally been applied in this journal to southbound flights in spring, such as that noted on 28 Mar for this species and some species of blackbirds. Along the Chi lakefront, the most dramatic spring passages of diurnal songbird migrants typically involve birds flying south immediately along the lake under conditions of southwest winds. This phenomenon appears to involve a simple detour of migrants around the south end of Lake Michigan, with the high volume of migrants due to accumulation of birds along many miles of lakefront.

Gray Catbird

EA: 17 Apr, Chi (MBC); 21 Apr, JP (SC, PC); 21 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Apr, Wayne Co (RJ). **MC**: 75, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 43, GrantP, 10 May (DFS); 30, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 18, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH). **LD**: 10 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 6 Jun (2), Rainbow Beach (DFS).

Northern Mockingbird

EA: 17 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW); 20 Apr, JP (RM, PC); 29 Apr, GrantP (TS, DEW). **MC**: 12, Massac Co, 7 Apr (KAM); 10, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 24 Apr (DFS); 10, Carl.C, 22 May (DK, TAM); 2, Lost Mound, 22 May (EW). **LD**: 1 Jun, GrantP (DFS).

Brown Thrasher

EA: 20 Mar, Cache R (Johnson Co) (RJ); 20 Mar, Pulaski Co (KAM); 21 Mar (2), South Shore SP (Clinton Co) (TAM, DK); 27 Mar (6), Moultrie Co (TAM); 28 Mar, JP (PC); 1 Apr, Busse Wds FP, Elk Grove Village (Cook Co) (AA); . **MC**: 25+, Moultrie Co, 9 Apr (TAM); 20, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 20, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 16, Chi (McCormick Place and JP), 25 Apr (GW); 14, Putnam Co, 24 Apr (JC). **LD**: 24 May, GrantP (DFS); 19 May, Montrose H (GW). **Other**: 28 Feb (wintered?), Mermet L (TAM, KAM).

European Starling

EA: 29 Feb (32 migrants), JP (PC). **MC**: 3000, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DK, TAM) & 4 Apr (DK); 510 (one flock), Montgomery Co, 28 Mar (RJ); 306, Site M (Cass Co), 29 Feb (RJ); 288, Miller Meadow, Maywood (Cook Co), 12 May (JA); 230, JP, 7 Mar (PC). **LD**: 17 May (26 migrants), JP (PC).

American Pipit

EA: 20 Mar, Fishhk (TAM); 27 Mar, JP (SC); 27 Mar (5), Fuller (Coles Co) (EW); 27 Mar, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: **300**, Carl.C, 12 Apr (DK); **275**, Lovington (Moultrie Co), 9 Apr (TAM); 150, Carl.C, 28 Mar & 17 Apr (DK); 80, Pr.Rdg, 30 Mar (KAM, CL); 75+, Fishhk, 27 Mar (TAM); 60, Richland Co, 22 Apr (RJ); 10, M.Arb., 29 Apr (ES). **LD**: 16 May, Hennepin L (GW); 12 May (5), Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co) (SB); 1-2 May (4), Carl.C (DK); 29 Apr, Fishhk (TAM). Date limits for traditionally recognized "split migration" very vague at best this year.

Cedar Waxwing (first passage)

EA: 12 Feb (3), JP (KC); 10 Mar (10), GrantP (DFS); 18 Mar (19), Boone Co (AB); 21 Mar (10), McKee M (Du Page Co) (MBC). **MC**: 160, New Canton (Pike Co), 11 Apr (EW)—the only datum outside n. IL; 150+, Palos, 2 Apr (WS). **LD**: 18 Apr (8), Wolf Road Prairie (Cook Co) (DFS); 11 Apr (6), Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS). The "first passage" had little definition and was largely confined to n. IL; records included here might better be viewed as involving nomadic wintering flocks.

Cedar Waxwing (second passage)

EA: 25 Apr (2), Carl.C (DK); 27 Apr (12), Riverwoods (Lake Co) (EW); 30 Apr (2), Hennepin L (DFS); 2 May (22), Kane Co (ES); 5 May (2), Ft Massac (KAM, MkS, RH). **MC**: **2770+** (in 46 flocks flying south in 2 hours), Evanston, 17 May (EW)—**record spring high count** and second highest overall; 534, JP, 17 May (PC); 150, Carl.C, 16 May (DK, IOS); 100+, Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co), 19 May (LLH). **LD**: **8 Jul**, GrantP (DFS)—second latest available departure date; 11 Jun (5), Hyde Park, Chi (SC); 5 Jun (12), Evanston (EW).

Magnolia Warbler at Northwestern University landfill, Cook County. 27 May 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.

Blue-winged Warbler

EA: 17 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 21 Apr, Madison Co (FH); 28 Apr, GrantP (DEW); 29 Apr (2), M.Arb. (ES); 5 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 7, Jo Daviess Co, 23 May (DFS); 6, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 6, Palos, 15 May (WS); 5, Jackson Co, 18 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 25 May (female), GrantP (DFS); 15 May (male), JP (PC); 5 May, Ft Massac (KAM); 5 May, Sand Creek CA, Decatur (TAM). "**Brewster's Warbler**": 10 May, JP (SF).

Golden-winged Warbler

EA: 27 Apr, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KAM); 30 Apr, M.Arb. (UG); 2 May, Carl.C (DK); 7 May, Humiston Wds (Livingston Co) (DFS); 8 May (3), Pecatonica (DTW); 8 May (male), JP (PC, SC). **MC**: **19** (18 males), Salt Crk Wds, 9 May (DFS); 6, Elsen's Hill, 8 May (ES); 3, Siloam Springs SP (Adams/Brown Cos), 11 May (EW). **LD**: 23 May, Montrose H (GW); 18 May (2), JP (PC, SC); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS); 5 May, Sand Creek CA, Decatur (TAM).

Tennessee Warbler

EA: 19 Apr (5), Ft Massac (KAM); 29 Apr, Madison Co (FH); 30 Apr, Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 30 Apr (male), JP (PC); 3 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 117, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 34, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR); 30, Salt Crk Wds, 16 May (DFS); 22, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW). **LD**: 6 Jun, Rainbow Beach (DFS); 5 Jun, Herricks L FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 22 May (6), Carl.C (DK, TAM); 19 May, Madison Co (FH). No data from c. IL.

Orange-crowned Warbler

EA: 14 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 18 Apr, JP (SC, PC); 19 Apr, GrantP (DFS); 30 Apr (2), ArgnLab (UG); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 4, JP, 30 Apr (PC) & 8 May (PC, SC); 4, Elsen's Hill, 8 May (ES); 4, Montrose H, 9 May (GW). **LD**: 26 May, GrantP (DFS); 23 May, Montrose H (UG, GW); 3 May, s. Clinton Co (KAM).

Nashville Warbler

EA: 17 Apr (5), Heron Pond (KAM); 21 Apr, JP (PC); 21 Apr, Madison Co (FH); 30 Apr, Illinois Institute of Technology campus, Chi (GW); 30 Apr, M.Arb. (UG). **MC**: 27, Salt Crk Wds, 9 May (DFS); 18, Deer Grove West FP, Palatine (Cook Co), 8 May (GW); 12, Ft Massac, 28 Apr (KAM); 8, Busey Wds, Urbana (Champaign Co), 5 May (SB). **LD**: **9 Jun**, GrantP (DFS); 23 May (3), JP (PC); 23 May, Montrose H (KAM, UG); 4 May, Madison Co (FH).

Northern Parula

EA: **28 Mar** (7), Ft Massac (KAM); **28 Mar**, Mermet L (KAM); **30 Mar**, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (LH, BS); 18 Apr (male), JP (MP); 19 Apr, Chinquapin Psv (MF); 26 Apr, M.Arb. (UG). **MC**: 32, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 28, Jackson Co, 18 Apr (KAM); 11, M.Arb., 8 May (JC); 10, Adams Co, 27 Apr (AD); 7, Les Arends FP (Kane Co), 10 May (ES). **LD**: 3 Jun (singing male), Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS); 31 May (male), Fabyan Wds FP (Kane Co) (EW); 25 May (male), JP (KA).

Yellow Warbler

EA: 18 Apr (singing male), Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (TAM, DK); 19 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 21 Apr (male), JP (PC, SF); 24 Apr (4), L Shel. (MAH); 28 Apr, Linc.P (GW). **MC**: 52, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 43, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 8 May (GW); 32, LCal, 8 May (WM); 20, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 12, Fayette Co, 15 May (TAM). **LD**: 10 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 5 Jun (2 males), Evanston (EW); 4 Jun (5), Rainbow Beach (DFS).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

EA: 27 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM); 2 May, Madison Co (FH); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW); 6 May (2), Montrose H (GW); 6 May (2 males), JP (PC, SC). **MC**: 20, JP, 18 May (PC); 19, Salt Crk Wds, 9 May (DFS); 18, Elsen's Hill, 8 May (ES); 5, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 4, Rock Cut, 22 May (DTW); 2, Independence P (Tazewell Co), 26 May (TVL). **LD**: 31 May, M.Arb. (MBC); 29 May, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (EW); 20 May, Madison Co (FH); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Magnolia Warbler

EA: 30 Apr (male), JP (PC); 2 May, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (GW); 2 May, Carl.C (DK); 2 May, CrabOr. (KAM); 8 May (2), Timber Ridge FP (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC**: **80**, North Shore Channel (no. Cook Co), 15 May (SM)—**record spring high count**; 49, JP, 19 May (PC, SC); 24, Montrose H, 23 May (GW); 6, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS). **LD**: 31 May (female), JP (PC); 26 May, Independence P (Tazewell Co) (TVL); 22 May, Madison Co (FH); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Cape May Warbler

EA: **21 Apr** (male), JP (KA)—**record early for n. IL** by three days; 30 Apr (3), Washington County CA (Washington Co) (KAM); 30 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (RMR); 2 May, Carl.C (DK); 6 May (5), Montrose H (GW); 6 May, Waterfall Glen (ES). **MC**: 20, JP, 16 May (PC, KC); 18, GrantP, 13 May (DFS); 9, Ford Co, 15 May (DFS); 4, Carl.C, 15 May (DK, IOS); 3, near Vandalia (Fayette Co), 15 May (TAM). **LD**: 26 May (8), GrantP (DFS); 25 May (3 females), JP (PC); 16 May (3), Carl.C (DK, IOS). A notably healthy migration.

Black-throated Blue Warbler

EA: 6 May (male), JP (SC). **MC**: 5, JP, 18 May (PC, WS); 3 (2 males) McCormick Place, Chi, 11 May (DFS). **LD**: 4 Jun (male), Rainbow Beach (DFS); 23 May (female), Montrose H (UG); 21 May (male), JP (PC); 9 May, Union County CA (Union Co) (EW)—the only report away from Chicago's lakefront parks.

Yellow-rumped Warbler

EA: **3 Mar**, Rend L (KAM); 21 Mar, Palos (DFS); 22 Mar, Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co) (AA); 23 Mar, Decatur (TAM); 28 Mar (immature female), JP (PC). **MC**: 200, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 166, M.Arb., 8 May (JC); 136, Salt Crk Wds, 1 May (DFS); 103, JP, 25 Apr (GW); 33, Massac Co, 28 Apr (KAM); 2, Decatur, 2 Apr (TAM). **LD**: 31 May, Calumet Park (so. Cook Co) (DFS); 26 May (female), JP (PC); 16 May (4), Carl.C (DK, IOS); 15 May, HL (DTW). **Others**: 27 Feb (2—wintered?), Boone Co (AB); 6 Mar (wintered?), Lost Mound (EW).

Black-throated Green Warbler

EA: 15 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 17 Apr (male), JP (PC); 18 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 5 May, Sand Creek CA, Decatur (TAM). **MC**: 19, Salt Crk Wds, 9 May (DFS); 18, JP, 18 May (PC); 15, Deer Grove West FP, Palatine (Cook Co), 8 May (GW); 6, Carl.C, 2 May (DK). **LD**: 6 Jun (singing male), Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (UG); 31 May (male), Fabyan Wds FP (Kane Co) (EW); 16 May, Madison Co (FH); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Blackburnian Warbler

EA: 28 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 30 Apr (male), JP (PC); 6 May, Waterfall Glen (ES); 7 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 9, Elsen's Hill, 8 May (ES); 7, M.Arb., 8 May (JC); 7, GrantP, 12 May (DEW); 7, JP, 18 May (PC, SC); 3, Carl.C, 16 May (DK, IOS). **LD**: 2 Jun, M.Arb. (MBC); 31 May, Calumet Park (so. Cook Co) (DFS); 25 May (male), JP (KA, RD); 16 May (3), Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Yellow-throated Warbler

EA: 28 Mar (5), Ft Massac (KAM); 30 Mar, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (LH, BS); **31 Mar** (male), Charleston (Coles Co)—first March record for c. IL; 3 Apr, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co) (EW); **8 Apr**, Rock Island Co (SFd); **9 Apr**, M.Arb. (ES); 10 Apr (singing male), Oakley Twp (Macon Co) (TAM, MD); 14 Apr, Palisades (Carroll Co) (JC); 15 Apr, Forest Park NPsv (Peoria Co) (TVL); 17 Apr (2), Kilbuck FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 19 Apr, Chinquapin Psv (MF). **MC**: 18, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 13, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR); **8** (7 males, 1 female), Vermilion Co, 17 Apr (SB, IOS)—ties previous high count for central IL; 5, Rock Island Co, 19 Apr (SFd); 4 (males on territory), M.Arb., 29 May (ES). **LD**: 12 May, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AD); 11 May (male), McClaughry Springs Wood, Palos (WS). **Others**: 21 Apr (on territory), Pea Cemetery (Moultrie Co) (TAM, MD); 15 May, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (EW); 15 May, Hennepin L (EW); 22 May (2 on territory), Ramsey L (TAM). **The most widely reported warbler species of the spring**, with records from 21 counties (7 counties each in northern, central and southern IL) and locally noteworthy numbers and frequency of occurrence.

Pine Warbler

EA: 20 Mar (2), CrabOr. (KAM); **22 Mar**, M.Arb. (SB); 22 Mar (2 males), Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co) (AA); 7 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 15 Apr (male), JP (PC). **MC**: **14**, M.Arb., 26 Apr (ES)—**record high count for n. IL**; 7 (males), JP, 21 Apr (PC); 7, Salt Crk Wds, 1 May (DFS); 5+, Ramsey L, 3 Apr (TAM, MD); 5, CrabOr., 30 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 11 May, Montrose H (GW); 6 May, JP (WS); 1 May, Carl.C (DK). **Others**: 28 Feb (2—overwintered?), CrabOr. (TAM, KAM); 6 Mar (3—overwintered?), Ramsey L (TAM, DK). Good numbers in ne. IL; "My best spring ever for this species; double previous high, ca. 3 times average." (DFS),

Prairie Warbler

EA: 15 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 20 Apr (male), GrantP (DFS); 20 Apr (male), JP (PC, SC); 24 Apr (singing male), Grassy L (Union Co) (TAM et al.); 1-2 May, West Chicago Prairie (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC**: **23**, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW)—**record IL high count**, with previous maxima to 15 birds; 9, Heron Pond, 17 Apr (KAM); 5 (singing males), Carson Twp (Fayette Co), 8 May (TAM); 2, Du Page Co, 8 May (ES). **LD**: 17 May (male), GrantP (DFS); 15 May, John J. Duffy FP, Palos (WS, KW); 9 May, Montrose H (GW); 8 May, Miller-Anderson Wds (Bureau Co) (DFS).

Palm Warbler

EA: **11 Apr** (male), JP (SF, PC); 17 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 18 Apr (2), Nelson M (UG); 18 Apr, Bemis Wds (we. Cook Co) (DFS); 18 Apr, LCal (WM). **MC**: 159, Salt Crk Wds, 1 May (DFS); 117, Fabyan FP (Kane Co), 2 May (ES); 75, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 5, Decatur, 28 Apr (TAM). **LD**: **13 Jun** (seen singing), Hyde Park, Chi (*PC)—**latest spring record** excluding an injured bird at Charleston (Coles Co), 7-22 Jun 1984 (see Bohlen 1989); 26 May (2), GrantP (DFS); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS); 15 May, HL (KAM); 5 May, Sand Creek CA, Decatur (TAM). **Remarks**: "Best spring for this species for me ever...by a small percentage; about 50% above normal spring numbers." (DFS).

Bay-breasted Warbler

EA: 27 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM); 6 May, JP (WS); 7 May, Illinois Institute of Technology campus, Chi (GW); 8 May, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC**: 20+, JP, 18 May (WS); 7, Montrose H, 11 May (GW); 6, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 2 (males), Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ). **LD**: 31 May, Calumet Park (so. Cook Co) (DFS); 23 May (female), JP (PC); 23 May, Montrose H (UG); 16 May, Madison Co (FH); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Blackpoll Warbler

EA: 1 May, Carl.C (DK); 1 May (4), Ft Massac (KAM, VM); 6 May, Montrose H (GW); 8 May, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 8 May (3), Elsen's Hill (ES). **MC**: 45, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 34, GrantP, 24 May (DFS); 20, Carl.C, 15 May (DK, IOS); 15, JP, 18 May (PC). **LD**: 11 Jun (singing male), Palos (DFS); 1 Jun, Herricks L FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 1 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 28 May, L Springfield (Sangamon Co) (KAM); 16 May, HL (FH); 16 May (10), Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Cerulean Warbler

EA: 18 Apr (3), Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 2 May, Les Arends FP (Kane Co) (UG). **MC**: 5, Pomona (Jackson Co), 27 Apr (KAM) & 8 May (RMR); 5, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 4, Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 22 May (EW); 2 (singing males), Chinquapin Psv, 22 May (MF). **LD**: 31 May (male), M.Arb. (EW); 23 May, Cook Co (KAM); 7 May, Madison Co (FH).

Black-and-white Warbler

EA: 9 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM); 17 Apr (2), JP (SC); 18 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP, River Forest (Cook Co) (WM, JA); 21 Apr, Chinquapin Psv (MF). **MC**: **40**, North Shore Channel (no. Cook Co), 15 May (SM); 15, JP, 19 May (PC, SC); 13, Elsen's Hill, 8 May (ES); 4, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS). **LD**: 26 May (male), JP (PC); 24 May (3), GrantP (DFS); 15 May, Ramsey L (TAM). **Remarks**: "Poor migration, about 20% below average...." (DFS).

American Redstart

EA: 19 Apr, Union County CA (Union Co) (KAM); 1 May, JP (RM); 6 May (3), Montrose H (GW); 6 May, Waterfall Glen (ES). **MC**: **200**, North Shore Channel (no. Cook Co), 15 May (SM); 78 (75 males), Venedy (Washington Co), 20 May (SB); 71, JP, 19 May (PC, SC); 66, GrantP, 24 May (DFS); 53, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS). **LD**: 9 Jun (1st yr male), GrantP (DFS); 7 June (male), Highland Park (Lake Co) (EW); 4 Jun, Rainbow Beach (DFS).

Prothonotary Warbler

EA: 12 Apr (2), Mermet L (KAM); 16 Apr, HL (FH); 17 Apr, Waterfall Glen (UG); 17 Apr, Eggers Wds FP, Chi (CM, TW); 21 Apr (male), JP (SF, PC). **MC**: **39**, Mark Twain NWR, Keithsburg Division (**Mercer Co**), 6 May (AR, PR)—**record high count outside s. IL**; 28, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 24, Massac Co, 21 Apr (KAM); 10, Chau, 7 May & 21 May (R&SBj); 6, Durand (Winnebago Co), 8 May (DTW). **LD**: 16 May, Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 8 May (male), JP (SC, PC).

Worm-eating Warbler

EA: 14 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM); 21 Apr (male), Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (TF); 29 Apr, Linc.P (RM). **MC**: **40**, LaRue/Pine Hills Ecological Area (Union Co), 8 May (SB, AS); 6, Jackson Co, 18 Apr (KAM); 3, Siloam Springs SP (Adams/Brown Cos), 11 May (EW). **LD**: 10 May, JP (SC); 9 May, Thatcher Wds FP, River Forest (Cook Co) (JA).

Ovenbird

EA: 24 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, FB); 29 Apr, Montrose H (GW); 29 Apr (5), JP (PC, SF); 5 May, Sand Creek CA, Decatur (TAM). **MC**: 28, GrantP, 18 May (DFS); 21, Bay Creek Wilderness (Pope Co), 5 May (RJ); 15, Deer Grove West FP, Palatine (Cook Co), 8 May (GW); 4, Independence P (Tazewell Co), 26 May (TVL). **LD**: 10 Jun, GrantP (DEW); 6 Jun, JP (DE); 4 Jun (2), downtown Chi (CT).

Northern Waterthrush

EA: 17 Apr (2), Linc.P (GW); 18 Apr, Nelson M (UG); 18 Apr, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (KAM). **MC**: 19, JP, 8 May (PC, SC); 14, LCal, 8 May (WM); 6, Carl.C, 2 May (DK). **LD**: 29 May, Evanston (EW); 26 May, JP (PC); 23 May, Pecatonica (DTW); 8 May, HL (FH); 2 May (6), Carl.C (DK). A rather weak migration.

Louisiana Waterthrush

EA: 20 Mar (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 28 Mar (2 males), Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (LBH); 30 Mar, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (LH, BS); 3 Apr (male), Forest Glen County P (Vermilion Co) (SB); 6 Apr, JP (SC). **MC**: 12, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR); 11, Jackson Co, 9 Apr (KAM); 2, Palos, 22 Apr (WS); 2, Douglas P, Chi, 29 Apr (AA). **LD**: 18 May, McCormick Place, Chi (DEW); 15 May, Columbus P, Chi (AA); 8 May, Montgomery Co (RJ); 5 May (male), Busey Wds, Urbana (Champaign Co) (SB).

Kentucky Warbler

EA: 17 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 1 May, Elsen's Hill (ES); 6 May, JP (SC). **MC**: **61**, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 36, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR); 10, Siloam Springs SP (Adams/Brown Cos), 2 May (AD); 6, Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 23 May (DFS); 3, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DFS). **LD**: 20 May, GrantP (DFS); 18 May, Montrose H (GW).

Connecticut Warbler

EA: **8 May**, Knox Co (AR); 12 May, Ballard Nature Center (**Effingham Co**) (LH, BS); 13 May, Montrose H (SM); 15 May, Elsen's Hill (ES); 15 May (male), JP (SC); 15 May, Chinquapin Psv (MF); 15 May, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (KAM, GW, DTW); 16 May, Bird Haven (**Richland Co**) (LH). **MC**: 3, Salt Crk Wds, 20 May (DFS); 3, Montrose H, 23 May (UG); 2, Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co), 22 May (KAM, JS). **LD**: 4 Jun (female), GrantP (DFS); 29 May, M.Arb. (ES); 26 May (male), JP (PC); 24 May, Black Hawk FP (Rock Island Co) (SFd); 20 May, Venedy (Washington Co) (SB). Comparatively widespread.

Mourning Warbler

EA: 7 May (male), JP (CG); 9 May (2 males), Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 15 May, Ballard Nature Center (Effingham Co) (LH, BS). **MC**: 13 (9 males, 4 females), JP, 23 May (PC); 9, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DFS); 5, Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 23 May (DFS). **LD**: 6 Jun (male), JP (PC); 4 Jun (female), GrantP (DFS); 4 Jun, downtown Chi (CT); 28 May, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co) (KAM); 20 May, Venedy (Washington Co) (SB).

Common Yellowthroat

EA: 12 Apr, Johnson Co (KAM); 17 Apr, Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AD); 19 Apr, GrantP (DFS); 21 Apr (2 males), JP (JC, PC); 21 Apr (singing male), Decatur (TAM). **MC**: 59, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 59, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 57, GrantP, 18 May (DFS); 36, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 35, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 34, Goose L Pr., 12 May (JC). **LD**: 6 Jun (female), Calumet Park (so. Cook Co) (DFS).

Hooded Warbler

EA: 9 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM); 17 Apr (male), JP (PC, SC); 29 Apr, Montrose H (GW); 5 May (female), Busey Wds, Urbana (Champaign Co) (SB); 8 May, Elsen's Hill (ES). **MC**: 7, LaRue/Pine Hills Ecological Area (Union Co), 8 May (SB, AS); 5 (males), Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 16 May (SB); 3, Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 23 May (DFS). **LD**: 24 May (male), GrantP (DFS); 23 May, Montrose H (RDH, KAM, GW et al.); 20 May (female), JP (KC).

Wilson's Warbler

EA: 3 May (male), JP (PC); 7 May, Humiston Wds (Livingston Co) (DFS); 8 May, Pecatonica (DTW); 8 May, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (GW); 15 May, Carl.C (DK, UG, IOS); 15 May, Sauget (St. Clair Co) (KAM, GW et al.). **MC**: 30, GrantP, 23 May (DEW); 26, GrantP, 26 May (DFS); 23, JP, 23 May (PC); 2, Carl.C, 16 May (DK, IOS). **LD**: 5 Jun, Herricks L FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 3 Jun, JP (KC); 29 May, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (EW); 17 May, Madison Co (FH).

Canada Warbler

EA: **27 Apr**, Linc.P (RM); 2 May, Linc.P (CA); 6 May, Waterfall Glen (ES); 7 May, Humiston Wds (Livingston Co) (DFS); 8 May, Clinton Co (KAM, RH); 8 May (male), Ramsey L (TAM, MD). **MC**: 10, JP, 19 May (PC, SC); 10, GrantP, 24 & 26 May (DFS); 2, Rockfd, 19 May (DTW). **LD**: 30 May (female), JP (SC); 29 May (3), Rainbow Beach (DFS); 29 May, M.Arb. (ES).

Yellow-breasted Chat

EA: 17 Apr (2), Heron Pond (KAM); **24 Apr**, JP (fide KC); 25 Apr, HL (FH); 27 Apr (2), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AD); 8 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: **25**, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 16, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 14, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR); 4, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 3, Vermont Reservoir (McDonough Co), 7 May (LLH); 3, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ). **LD**: 31 May, JP (PC); 23 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (SB, SD). **Other**: 24 Apr - 10 May (evidently ill or brain-damaged, spending much time feeding in open on woodchip paths), JP (m.ob.).

Summer Tanager

EA: 17 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 28 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AD); 30 Apr (male), Hennepin L (DFS); 1 May, Elsen's Hill (ES); 2 May (3), Carl.C (DK); 3 May, GrantP (DEW); 5 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 25, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 17, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 6, Siloam Springs SP (Adams/Brown Cos), 11 May (EW); 4, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (EW); 2 (pair), Bemis Wds (we. Cook Co), 16 May (DFS). **LD**: 22 May, Old School FP (Lake Co) (SB,SD); 22 May (male), GrantP (TS); 18 May, Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS).

Scarlet Tanager

EA: 17 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); **18 Apr**, JP (KC, PC; MK:ph)—second earliest for n. IL; 29 Apr, Montrose H (GW); 30 Apr, ArgnLab (UG); 2 May (3), Carl.C (DK); 6 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 22, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 11, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 7 May (EW); 7, Montrose H, 11 May (GW); 7, Salt Crk Wds, 20 May (DFS); 5, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ). **LD**: 31 May (2), Calumet Park (so. Cook Co) (DFS); 23 May, JP (KC); 23 May (5), Montrose H (GW).

Spotted Towhee

LD: 16 May (male), Montrose H (RDH, WM, m.ob.); 1 May (female, *P. m. arcticus*), Carson Twp (Fayette Co) (TAM). **Other**: winter - 25 Mar, East Alton (Madison Co) (FH).

Eastern Towhee

EA: 23 Mar (male), JP (SC); 27 Mar, Wolf L, LCal (CM); 4 Apr, Chinquapin Psv (MF); 6 Apr (2), ArgnLab (UG). **MC**: 33, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 24 Apr (DFS); 30, Carl.C, 17 Apr (DK); 15, Jackson Co, 17 Apr (KAM); 14, Putnam Co, 24 Apr (JC). **LD**: 4 Jun (female), Rainbow Beach (DFS); 21 May (female), JP (PC); 19 May (2), Montrose H (GW).

American Tree Sparrow

EA: 7 Feb (150), HL (KAM); 29 Feb (16), JP (PC). **MC**: 150, Madison Co, as above; 125, Rock Springs Center, Decatur, 17 Feb (TAM); 61, Putnam Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 31, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington (Cook Co), 27 Mar (GW). **LD**: 19 Apr, JP (SC); 19 Apr, GrantP (DFS); 10 Apr, Clinton L (DeWitt Co) (JC, UG); 7 Apr, ArgnLab (UG); 1 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM).

Chipping Sparrow

EA: 20 Mar, Ft Massac (KAM); 27 Mar, Carl.C (DK); 29 Mar, Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM); 3 Apr (2), Rockfd (DTW); 6 Apr, JP (BH, PC); 10 Apr (2), Boone Co (AB). **MC**: **99**, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 72, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 48, Jackson Co, 9 Apr (KAM); 37, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 32, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW). **LD**: 22 May, Montrose H (GW); 18 May (2), JP (PC).

Clay-colored Sparrow

EA: 23 Apr, GrantP (DEW); 29 Apr, JP (CG, MP); 2 May, Carl.C (DK)—the only datum from s. IL; 5 May, Knox Co (PR, AR)—the only datum from c. IL; 8 May (2), Pecatonica FP (DTW). **MC**: 7, Cook Co, 16 May (WS); 5, Montrose H, 13 May (GW); 3-4, various Chicago lakefront parks, 4-11 May (m.ob.); 3, Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co), 22 May (KAM, JS). **LD**: 22 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (SB, SD); 17 May, GrantP (DFS); 16 May, Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co) (WM, WS, m.ob.). **Other** (extralimital date, undocumented): **22 Mar**, Linc.P.

Field Sparrow

EA: 13 Mar, Pr.Rdg (MAH); 28 Mar, Graceland Cemetary, Chi (GW); 28 Mar (10), JP (PC); 31 Mar (2), ArgnLab (UG); 2 Apr, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: **87**, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 24 Apr (DFS); 35, Johnson Co, 17 Apr (KAM); 34, GrantP, 19 Apr (DFS); 28, Goose L Pr., 12 May (JC); 24, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW). **LD**: 29 May, Rainbow Beach (DFS); 25 May (male), JP (PC); 19 May, Montrose H (GW).

Vesper Sparrow

EA: 21 Mar, Carl.F (TAM, DK); 27 Mar, Grundy Co (DFS); 27 Mar (5), Moultrie Co (TAM); 27 Mar, n. of Coles (Coles Co) (EW); 1 Apr, Busse Wds FP, Elk Grove Village (Cook Co) (AA); 1 Apr (3), M.Arb. (MBC); 7 Apr, Distillery CA (Boone Co) (DTW). **MC**: 23, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 10+ (males), Vermilion & McLean Cos, 17 Apr (SB, IOS); 4, JP, 19 Apr (RM, PC); 2, Mermet L, 7 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 29 Apr, M.Arb. (DFS); 21 Apr, JP (PC); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DK, TAM).

Lark Sparrow

EA: 15 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 18 Apr, Cyp.Crk (KAM); 19 Apr, JP (CG); 23-24 Apr (migrant), near Jacob (Jackson Co) (TAM, SB et al.); 24 Apr, Donnelley State FWA (Putnam Co) (UG). **MC**: 10, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 24 Apr (DFS); 5, Lost Mound, 23 May (EW); 4, Durand (Winnebago Co), 8 May (DTW); 3, Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co), 27 Apr (JC). **LD**: 22 May (female), Chinquapin Psv (MF); 8 May, Clinton Co (KAM, RH); 3 May, JP (KC); 1 May, Carson Twp (Fayette Co) (TAM). **Others**: 8 May, ne. of Elkville (Jackson Co) (RMR, RM); 14 May, RD 1 (Scott Co) (UG); 10 May (2), Edwards Co (LH, BS).

Savannah Sparrow

EA: 11 Mar (3), Pulaski Co (KAM); 12 Mar, Hennepin L (DFS); 20 Mar, JP (SC); 21 Mar (2), Carl.C (DK, TAM); 27 Mar (7), Middlefork Savanna (Lake Co) (AA); 31 Mar, Fishhk (TAM, MD). **MC**: 41, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 34, GrantP, 29 Apr (DEW); 31, JP, 19 Apr (PC); 25, Sangamon Co, 25 Apr (RJ); 20, Cyp.Crk, 19 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 27 May, JP (KC); 20 May (4), Montrose H (GW); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Grasshopper Sparrow

EA: 10 Apr (3), Karl Bartel Sanctuary (Marion Co) (MAH); 16 Apr, GrantP (DEW); 17 Apr, Montrose H (GW); 17 Apr (2), Johnson Co (KAM); 29 Apr (singing male), Decatur (TAM); 30 Apr, s. of Avon (Fulton Co) (LLH). **MC**: **35** (at new open prairie restoration site), Karl Bartel Sanctuary (Marion Co), 22 May (MAH); 24, Lost Mound, 22 May (EW); 22, Fulton Sand Prairie (Whiteside Co), 16 May (JC); 19, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 4, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ). **LD**: 20 May, Montrose H (GW); 9 May, JP (PC).

Henslow's Sparrow

EA: 7 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM); 18 Apr, JP (PC, SC); 29 Apr, Montrose H (GW); 8 May, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 22 (singing males), Goose L Pr., 12 May (JC); 20 (singing males), Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 7, Rock Cut, 22 May (DTW); 6, Chinquapin Psv, 22 May (MF); 4, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 22 May (EW); 4, Karl Bartel Sanctuary (Marion Co), 22 May (MAH). **LD**: 24 May, JP (PC); 16 May, Pleasant Mound Twp (Bond Co) (DK).

Le Conte's Sparrow

EA: 4 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM); 10 Apr (8), Clinton L (DeWitt Co) (TAM, DTW, IOS); 16 Apr, Montrose H (GW); 18 Apr, Bemis Wds (we. Cook Co) (DFS); 19 Apr, JP (SC). **MC**: 2, CrabOr. (Williamson Co), 24 Apr (SB, TAM et al.). **LD**: 19 May, Montrose H (GW); 8 May, Knox Co (AR); 4 May, JP (SC); 24 Apr (8), as above). **Other**: **12 Mar**, Hennepin L—"Possibly wintered. I saw one of this species at site in December" (DFS).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

EA: 19 May, GrantP (DEW); 23 May (3), Montrose H (KAM, RDH, GW); 23 May, JP (SC). **MC**: 3, Montrose H, as above. **LD**: 26 May, GrantP (DFS); 24 May (2), JP (PC). Reports confined to Chicago lakefront.

Fox Sparrow

EA: 28 Feb (3), Mermet L (KAM); 29 Feb, JP (KC, JR); 2 Mar, Sangamon Co (RJ); 6 Mar, Rockfd (DTW); 6 Mar, Nelson M (ES); 7 Mar, GrantP (DEW). **MC**: 55, GrantP, 20 Mar (DEW); 41, Palos, 21 Mar (DFS); 35+, Cap Sauers Holding FP (Cook Co), 24 Mar (SB); 18-20, Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co), 22 Mar (AA); 3, Mermet L, 28 Feb (KAM). **LD**: **8 May**, JP (SC, *PC); 19 Apr, GrantP (DFS); 11 Apr, Arcola M (Douglas Co) (SB); 5 Apr, Coffeen L (Montgomery Co) (RJ); 4 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 3 Apr, Germantown (Clinton Co) (DK).

Song Sparrow

EA: 23 Feb (3), ChiBotGdn (EW); 29 Feb (5), JP (PC); 29 Feb (6), Site M (Cass Co) (RJ). **MC**: 300, GrantP, 20 Mar (DEW); 183, GrantP, 29 Mar (DFS); 113, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 92, Grundy Co, 27 Mar (DFS); 60, Carl.C, 25 Apr (DK); 44, Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS). **LD**: 28 Apr (5), JP (PC).

Lincoln's Sparrow

EA: 16 Apr, Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 21 Apr, JP (PC, SC); 21 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 24 Apr, Donnelley State FWA (Putnam Co) (UG); 1 May, Carl.C (DK); 8 May, McDonough Co (LLH). **MC**: 34, GrantP, 10 May (DFS); 24, JP, 8 May (PC et al.); 15+, Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 22 May (SB, SD). **LD**: 29 May, downtown Chi (CT); 27 May (2), JP (PC); 27 May, GrantP (DFS); 8 May, Carl.C (DK); 8 May, Carson Twp (Fayette Co) (TAM).

Swamp Sparrow

EA: 21 Mar, McCormick Place, Chi (SC); 23 Mar, JP (PC, SC); 27 Mar (4), Carl.C (DK); 28 Mar, HL (FH). **MC**: **191**, GrantP, 19 Apr (DFS); **182**, GrantP, 21 Apr (DFS); 120, GrantP to McCormick Place, Chi, 21 Apr (DEW) (note preceding two counts largely complementary, yielding two-party tally of **302**); 85+, Humboldt P, Chi, 1 May (AA, m.ob.); 78, JP, 21 Apr (JC); 20, Carl.C, 9 Apr (DK); 15, Champaign (Champaign Co), 1 Mar (RJ). **LD**: 29 May, GrantP (DFS); 24 May (2), JP (PC); 20 May, McHenry Co (KAM); 15 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS); 8 May (2), Union County, (SB, AS).

White-throated Sparrow

EA: **20 Mar** (found dead, specimen to Field Museum of Natural History, Chi), McCormick Place, Chi (DEW); 16 Apr (8 migrants), JP (PC); 17 Apr (12), Boone Co (AB). **MC**: 422, JP, 21 Apr (JC); 350, GrantP, 29 Apr (DFS); 118, Massac Co, 21 Apr (KAM); 20, Ramsey L, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); 20, Carl.C, 14 Mar & 9 Apr (DK);

19, Rockfd, 17 Apr (DTW). **LD**: 4 Jun, downtown Chi (CT); 2 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 8 May, HL (FH). **Others**: 28 Mar (2—migrants?), Graceland Cemetary, Chi (GW). Note that individuals in n. IL prior to mid-April are, perhaps, in most cases, locally wintering birds, the 20 Mar specimen from McCormick Place (this presumably involving a migrant) complicates the picture of migration limits in this species.

Harris's Sparrow

EA: 28-30 Mar, Carl.C (MkS fide DK); 2 May, Kane Co (ES); 3 May, Rockfd (DTW). **LD**: 13 May, Montrose H (SM, GW); 8-9 May, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW). No other reports.

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 20 Mar (18), Ft Massac (KAM); 4 Apr (immature), Decatur (TAM); 16 Apr, JP (PC, SC); 28 Apr (7), Linc.P (GW); 28 Apr, GrantP (DEW); 1 May, Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC**: 360, GrantP, 10 May (DFS); 110, JP, 8 May (SC et al.); 100+, Wilmette (Cook Co), 6 May (EW); 15, Johnson Co, 21 Mar (RJ); 15, Carl.C, 12 Apr (DK). **LD**: 1 Jun, GrantP (DEW); 29 May, Rainbow Beach (DFS); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS); 16 May, Fishhk (TAM).

Dark-eyed Junco

EA: 29 Feb (12), JP (PC); 20 Mar (18), Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Mar (8), Linc.P (GW). **MC**: **300**, GrantP, 20 Mar (DEW); 240, Palos, 21 Mar (DFS); 145, JP, 28 Mar (PC); 70, near L&D#12 (Jo Daviess Co), 22 Mar (JC); 20, Ramsey L, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); 20, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DK). **LD**: **4 Jun+** (injured wing), downtown Chi (CT); 27 May, Axehead L, Chippewa Wds FP, Des Plaines (Cook Co) (AA); 17 May, GrantP (DFS); 5 May, Knox Co (PR, AR); 22 Apr, Rend L (KAM). No subspecies reported.

Lapland Longspur

EA: 7 Feb, HL (KAM). **MC**: 190 (migrating n.in narrow line), near L&D#20 (Adams Co), 20 Mar (EW); 150+ (many singing and in full breeding plumage), near Lovington (Moultrie Co), 11 Apr (SB); 100+, near Colfax (McLean Co), 8 Apr (SB); 75, se. Clark Co, 3 Apr (EW); 28, ne. Lawrence Co, 3 Apr (EW). **LD**: **15 May** (4), Ford Co (DFS); 24 Apr (10), e. Kankakee Co (DFS); 21 Apr, Meigs Field, Chi (DFS); 17 Apr (50), near Colfax (McLean Co) (SB, IOS); 3 Apr (6), Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co) (DK); 3 Apr, Clark & Lawrence Cos, as above. **Remarks**: Very poor winter/spring numbers in s. IL (KAM).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 30 Mar (12), Pr.Rdg (KAM, CL). **MC**: 150+, near Colfax (McLean Co), 8-11 Apr (SB, m.ob.); 125 near Lovington (Moultrie Co), 10-11 Apr (TAM, SB, ES, m.ob.); 20, Pr.Rdg, 12 Mar (LH, BS). **LD**: 30 Apr (2, male & female), near Colfax (McLean Co) (SB).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 96, Grundy Co, 27 Mar (DFS); 88, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR, RM); 49, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS). **Others** (non-SBC tallies): 40, Putnam Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 33, Adams Co, 9 Apr (AD); 23, Independence P (Tazewell Co), 26 May (TVL).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 19 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Apr, Evanston (EW); 23 Apr (6), Adams Co (AD); 28 Apr, Decatur (TAM); 29 Apr, widespread ne. IL (m.ob.); 4 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 38, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 18, Elsen's Hill, 8 May (ES); 18, Salt Crk Wds, 9 May (DFS); 13, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 10, Ft Massac, 28 Apr (KAM); 10, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 10, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS). **LD**: 26 May (2), GrantP (DFS); 24 May, JP (PC); 22 May, Ramsey L (DK, TAM).

Blue Grosbeak

EA: 18 Apr (2), Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 29 Apr (singing male), Decatur (TAM); 29 Apr, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DK); 9 May (male), JP (CA, SF). **MC**: 7, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 7, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 5+ (males), Union Co, 23 & 25 Apr (SB). **LD**: 31 May (male), Calumet Park (so. Cook Co) (DFS); 19 May (male), Orland Grasslands, Palos (WS); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS). **Others** (central/north): 23 May (male), Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co) (DFS).

Indigo Bunting

EA: 17 Apr, Johnson Co (KAM); 25 Apr (2), Carl.C (DK); 26 Apr (male), JP (PC); 29 Apr, Evanston (EW); 30 Apr, M.Arb. (UG); 6 May (7), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: **265**, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); **163**, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 103, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR, RM); 61, Putnam Co, 19 May (DFS); 33, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 33, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 33, Salt Crk Wds, 20 May (DFS). **LD**: 6 Jun (4), Rainbow Beach (DFS); 23 May (2), Montrose H (GW). **Other** (wintered?): **20 Mar**, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (RJ).

[Painted Bunting

EA: 31 May (male), St. Clair Co, at site of recent nestings.]

Dickcissel

EA: 25 Apr, Carl.C (DK); 27 Apr (3), CrabOr. (KAM); 5 May (male), ne. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 8 May, Rockfd (DTW); 14 May, e. of Winchester (Scott Co) (UG). **MC**: **110**, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 72, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 40, Karl Bartel Sanctuary (Marion Co), 22 May (MAH); 15, Ford Co, 15 May (DFS); 14, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 10, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 15 May (EW). **LD**: 23 May (male), ChiBotGdn (EW).

Bobolink

EA: 28 Apr (4), Johnson Co (KAM); 29 Apr (2 males), Fishhk (TAM); 1 May (2), Carl.C (DK); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW); 6 May, Montrose H (GW). **MC**: **500**, Levee Road (Monroe Co), 15 May (JZ)—**record IL high count**, topping a high of 300 set last spring; 100+, Siloam Springs SP (Adams/Brown Cos), 11 May (EW); 82 (mostly males), St. Michael's Reservoir, Palatine (Cook Co), 8 May (AA); 60, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 43, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 34, Montrose H, 11 May (GW). **LD**: 31 May (female), JP (KC, JR); 23 May (3), Montrose H (GW); 16 May (2), Carl.C (DK, IOS); 16 May (8), HL (KAM et al.); 10 May (male), Fishhk (TAM).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 23 Feb (4), ChiBotGdn (EW); 23 Feb (67—66 males, 1 female), Sangamon, Piatt & Champaign Cos (RJ); 26 Feb (male), JP (SC); 28 Feb (11 males), w. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). **MC**: 5012, St. Clair Co, 19 Mar (RJ); 3000, Carl.C, 3 Apr (DK); 2610, Putnam Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 1400 (southbound), JP, 28 Mar (PC); 370, Sanchris L (Sangamon Co), 28 Mar (RJ). **LD**: 12 May (31 migrants), JP (PC).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 17 Feb, Decatur (TAM); 2 Mar, Boone Co (AB); 5 Mar (9), JP (SC, PC); 13 Mar, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC**: 73, Pr.Rdg, 30 Mar (KAM, CL); 60, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 52, Kendall Co, 3 Apr (DFS); 46, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 40, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 40, Ford Co, 15 May (DFS); 31, De Kalb Co, 28 Mar (DFS). **LD**: 21 May, Montrose H (GW); 8 May, JP (SC).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 14 Apr (6), Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co) (DK); 14 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 17 Apr (4), Rockfd airport quarry (DTW). **MC**: **15+** (males), Lost Mound, 15 Apr (SB); 9, **e. Kankakee Co**, 24 Apr (DFS); 6, Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co), 14 Apr (DK); 4 (males), Dunham Road sodfarms (McHenry Co), 12 May (SB). **LD**: 17 Apr, Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co) (DK). **Others**: 3 Apr (2), near Bartelso (Clinton Co) (TAM); 8-17 Apr (male), near Colfax (McLean Co) (SB); 10 Apr, Clinton L (DeWitt Co) (UG); 23 May (2), e. of McConnell (nc. Stephenson Co) (EW).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 17 Apr (adult male), Hidden L (Du Page Co) (ES); 17 Apr (4), Eggers Wds FP, Chi (CM); 18 Apr (6), Paul Douglas FP, Palatine Twp (Cook Co) (GW); 8 May (2 males), LCal (WM). **MC**: 7 (5 males), Big Slough (nw. Carroll Co), 22 May (EW); 6, Paul Douglas FP, Palatine Twp (Cook Co), 18 Apr (GW); 4, Eggers Wds FP, Chi, 17 Apr (CM); 4, Spring L (Carroll Co), 16 May (JC); 4 (males), Hennepin L, 19 May (DFS); 2, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 16 May (JC).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 27 Feb (4), Rend L (EW); 28 Feb (9), Wilkinson-Renwick M (De Kalb Co) (DTW); 28 Feb, Lockport Prairie (Will Co) (CA); 29 Feb, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (CA); 29 Feb (30), Cass Co (RJ). **MC**: **400**, Carl.C/F, 21 Mar (DK, TAM); 300, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 1 Apr (KAM); 125, Mermet L, 12 Apr (KAM); 100+, Rock Island Co, mid-Apr (SFd); 95, Grundy Co, 27 Mar (DFS); 24, Thatcher Wds FP, River Forest (Cook Co), 7 Apr (JA); 15, Pecatonica FP, 21 Mar (DTW); 10, Buffalo Sewage Ponds (Sangamon Co), 22 Mar (DRD). **LD**: 24 Apr, McDowell Grove FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 23 Apr, Rock Island Co (SFd); 15 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 11 Apr, HL (FH); 29 Mar (2), Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 20 Mar (8), Ft Massac (KAM); 21 Mar (**450**), Clinton & Marion Cos (DK, TAM); 31 Mar (5), Jasper Co (LH). **MC**: **1500**, Carl.C, 27 Mar (DK)—**record IL high count** (previously 922, Clinton & Bond Cos, 18 Mar 2001); **700**, Carl.C, 3 Apr (DK); 8, Ft Massac, 20 Mar (KAM); 4, Grundy Co, 27 Mar (DFS). **LD**: 12 Apr (45), Carl.C (DK).

Common Grackle

EA: 19 Feb (30), Decatur (TAM); 27 Feb , Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 29 Feb (32), JP (PC); 2 Mar, Woodbridge (Du Page Co) (MBC). **MC**: 12,000+, Rend L, 27 Feb (EW); 8260, St. Clair Co, 19 Mar (RJ); 3000, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DK, TAM); 2450, Putnam Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 800 (southbound), JP, 28 Mar (PC). **LD**: 12 May (11 migrants), JP (PC).

[Great-tailed Grackle

LD: 1 May (male), La Salle Co.]

Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 10 Mar (male), JP (PC); 20 Mar (many), McKee M (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC**: 800 (southbound), JP, 28 Mar (PC); 400, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DK), 21 Mar (DK, TAM) & 4 Apr (DK); 150, Ramsey L, 11 Apr (RJ); 110, Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS).

Orchard Oriole
EA: 17 Apr, Johnson Co (KAM); 22 Apr (adult), ChiBotGdn (DRD)—**record early for n. IL** by two days; 30 Apr (2), M.Arb. (UG); 1 May (3), Linc.P (GW); 8 May, w. of Rockton (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC**: 55, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 10, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 9, HL, 13 May (KAM); 8, Mississippi R Levee (Union Co), 29 May (DK); 7, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ). **LD**: 29 May (male), Evanston (EW); 18 May (female), JP (SC, PC).

Baltimore Oriole
EA: 19 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM); 21 Apr (male), Richland Co (RJ); 24 Apr, Hennepin L (UG); 24 Apr (2), L Shel. (MAH); 27 Apr, Linc.P (EW); 27 Apr (5), Adams Co (AD). **MC**: 57, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 38, Putnam Co, 19 May (DFS); 15, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 14, Montrose H, 6 May (GW); 13, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH). **LD**: 4 Jun, Rainbow Beach (DFS); 29 May (4), Evanston (EW).

Purple Finch
EA: 12 Mar (female), Hennepin L (DFS); 16 Mar (2), Pecatonica FP (DTW); 1 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 4 Apr (male), Decatur (TAM); 6 Apr, Montrose H (GW). **MC**: 12 (one flock), Castle Rock (Ogle Co), 27 Apr (JC); 12, Salt Crk Wds, 1 May (DFS); 10+, Waterfall Glen, 1 May (UG); 6, Jackson Co, 9 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 12 May, JP (PC); 1 May (10+), Waterfall Glen (UG); 25 Apr (9), Rockfd (DTW); 18 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 14-15 Apr (2), Adams Co (AD).

House Finch
EA: 23 Mar (2), GrantP (DFS). **MC**: 60, CrabOr., 3 Mar (KAM); 29, Grundy Co, 27 Mar (DFS); 13, JP, 28 Mar (PC).

Common Redpoll
MC: 8, Klehm Arboretum, Rockfd, 9-16 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 18 Mar (3, present since 24 Dec), East Alton (**Madison Co**) (FH:ph, m.ob.).

Pine Siskin
EA: 7 Mar (2), West Chicago Prairie (Du Page Co) (GW); 3 Apr (2), JP (DD, PD); 16 Apr, Wheaton (Du Page Co) (ES). **MC**: 70, M.Arb., 11 Apr (UG). **LD**: 26 May, Villa Park (Du Page Co) (DFS); 21 May, Montrose H (KAM, GW et al.); 8 May (5), M.Arb. (MBC); 8 May, Elsen's Hill (ES); 11 Apr (2), Quincy (Adams Co) (EW)—the only datum received outside n. IL. **Others**: 6 Mar (3), Thompson (Carroll Co) (EW); 6 May (3), Montrose H (GW); 8 May (at feeder), Rockfd—"nesting nearby suspected" (DTW).

American Goldfinch
EA: 29 Mar, GrantP (DFS). **MC**: 160, Ramsey L, 11 Apr (RJ); 106, Wolf L, LCal, 3 Apr (CM); 96, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 8 May (GW); 88, M.Arb., 8 May (JC); 75, Atwood Ridge (Union Co), 22 Apr (KAM); 71, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS). **LD**: 12 May (6 migrants), JP (PC).

House Sparrow
MC: 135, Ford Co, 15 May (DFS); 88, JP, 8 May (PC et al.); 80, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DK, TAM); 74, Linc.P, 31 Mar (GW).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow
MC: 12, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 8, HL, 13 May (KAM); 5, Atlas (Pike Co), 11 Apr (EW); 4, HL, 11 Apr (DK); 2, Basco (Hancock Co), 11 Apr (EW). **Others** (central/north): 11 Apr, Galesburg (Knox Co) (EW); 11 May, Siloam Springs SP (Adams/Brown Cos) (EW); 14 May, RD 10 (Morgan Co) (UG).

EXOTICS

Trumpeter Swan
MC: 4-6, Chau, 5-26 Mar (R&SBj).

Eurasian Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*)
4 May (subspecies *brandtii*), Montrose H (GW:ph).

European Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*)
9 May (male), JP (PC et al.); 19 May, Montrose H (GW).

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